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Samuel D. Femiano  
January 28, 1964

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Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you very much for your letter. I appreciate your keeping me on your list even if strictly speaking I am living in a house. I have a number of requests which I shall tend to first.

1) Could you send us a packet of Vade-mecums? We have only two for the house and one is mines. Also some Constitutions of which we have a copy and some rules. We usually read the Rule in French but the copy we have is 1942 so it would be well to have a recent edition around. When you have some time we would appreciate it very much.

2) We have a couple of copies of the Ontario Directory around. I presume it comes out regularly although I am sure we don't pay for it. If you see Father Frank Mallon some time in the next month and think of it.

3) This is purely curiosity. We have heard that appointments would be out on March 7th. Have you become that marvellously efficient or is it just a rumour.

We saw some clippings on St. John Fisher and Peter Sheehan sent us a program today as well. I must say I am proud of my patria.



Samuel D. Femiano  
January 28, 1964

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I am glad you like Father Charles Roume's book. I agree with you on publication. There is much that is interesting in French which I am afraid would lack interest for the Canadian or American, especially if he did not know some background, which is generally the case. Have you had copies made? If so we would be glad to have one. The only one existent on this side of the water is the original of which you have the carbon or perhaps vice-versa. I read it at Annonay in the Fall while I was on retreat and after.

I am very anxious to see the Christmas Conferences since we have had reports, but none in detail and many with opinions. I daresay they were interesting if not conclusive in any way. Unfortunately we are always a month behind on the Basilian Teacher. Also Dick Allard is wondering who is left in the Novitiate or better if anyone has left. Can we presume no news is good news?

Life here is moving along as usual, although things are looking a little more hopeful. Almost everything is finished. A few odds and ends and a few finances and we will be living like fairly ordinary human beings. All our official records are in order including insurance of most kinds and it is almost a guilty feeling I have now as I tell my-





Samuel D. Femiano  
January 28, 1964

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self that it is too good to be true. We shall see. I am starting some German next week at the Goethe Institute here in Paris and it will last half a year. It should be just right to make up my lack from last summer. Bud Paré is practicing Mass and getting down ceremonies. Was anxiously awaiting the decree to be published and today it seems there may be a few disappointments. We haven't had a chance to read all the papers yet but they seem to indicate a few unanticipated changes. Bernard Forel is getting along quite well.

At the moment most of the house is watching the American team on TV, hockey that is. We do have that advantage from being in Europe. We see what is happening when it happens and sometimes with all the odd results. The night the Pope arrived back in Rome he was expected to land at 7:00 and we tuned in early. The showed the airport and then since they weren't sure whether he had landed or not showed part of the route he would take and then sights of Rome. Finally they decided the plane hadn't come in so we saw more of Rome. Finally we came back to airport and they were rolling out the red carpet and lining up the guards. The official greeting party walked out to the foot of the stairs as the plane pulled in. A few confused minutes later they announced it was the wrong plane and he would be along shortly



Samuel D. Femiano  
January 28, 1964

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in another one. It was a most enjoyable evening apart from the news part. Regards to all.

In Christ,

Sam.

(Letter written by Father Samuel Femiano from Maison Saint-Basile. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Samuel D. Femiano  
March 14, 1964

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Dear Father Scollard,

This is just a short note to thank you for the photos which arrived the other day. I presume this means the Catholic Encyclopedia is updating their article on the Basilians. Is someone of us doing it? Father René Robert is here and I gave them to him. He recognized Archbishop d'Aviau immediately but not Father Joseph Lapierre so that the picture you had of him must not be around. He was very happy with them.

Your Friday the 13th appointments could hardly have been better timed. I am sure there are still cries of shock going up in some quarters of the community. Father Robert was a little surprised when we read them. He had come up the night before not expecting they would arrive on Friday morning (congratulations on your timing) and so we had him with us when we opened ours. Of course, for Bernard Forel they were important since no one over here had any inkling of a novitiate for next year. Our own house was much affected although Bud Paré was glad to have a final confirmation of his plans. The Seminary certainly fared well. I hesitate to remark further on the others. Where is Paul Broadhurst going or is it not decided?

All is rather calm over here. We are awaiting Easter and the vacation. Mother



Samuel D. Femiano  
March 14, 1964

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and Dad arrive tomorrow from Rochester for a few weeks. We are going to Italy to visit the relatives there during the week after Easter. I don't know how long they will stay but I suspect till shortly after Easter. It works out rather well in that it coincides with my own vacation and they will be staying at my brother's house so there is no expense of hotels and no inconvenience either. Their coming will renew a bit of my impressions of France. After two years one forgets that the rest of the world isn't like this too. To a point. There are certain aspects of American life one can't forget and which don't exist here at all.

That is about all. Things are somewhat more calm and I am reading quite a bit of theology for the exam which will be in June, definitively. After that things are still indefinite. If all goes well I know what I would like to do — work on Newman all summer. But we shall see. We are waiting for Father Robert Fischette.

Thank you again,

In Christ,

Sam.

(Letter from Father Samuel Femiano.  
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in the general archives of the Basilian  
Fathers, Toronto)





Samuel D. Femiano  
July 19, 1964

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The Oratory, Hagley Rd.  
Birmingham 16, England  
July 19, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

As you've noticed from the outside I've escaped Paris and am now installed in the peace and quiet of Newman's Oratory. I must say I don't think it has changed much since his day. The priests are most hospitable and really enjoyable. Very traditional in their Rule which they seem to keep very well. It's a real change from Paris. I must say I left in a bit of a hurry but after all the pressure and the excitement of the House and then everyone I knew in Paris was leaving too. The city will be much changed next year. I stayed in London for a few days to see what was to be had in the British Museum. Met Gerry McGuigan, Leonard Kennedy and Jim Howard. Also Jack Farrell is there whom you probably remember — teaches history at Windsor and was in the Community till 1945. The London community, I must say, was very enjoyable. Things are a little different here but they have loads of material. All the published works of and about Newman and all the unedited material. It is an ideal place to work and I have been really getting into the subject. I met Meriol Trevor last week. She's doing a biography of Philip Neri, a really fascinating and very intelligent



Samuel D. Femiano  
July 19, 1964

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woman. She had a few ideas on my topic which may prove helpful. Stephen Dessain, who is editing the Letters, is delightful and knows Newman very well. There are three other Americans here at the moment and an Irish student as well. Apparently Newman's the center of interest.

Thanks for the news about Bud Paré and that he got his program settled. It should be a very good really and answer a need at the same time. You have to be proficient in both these days to teach. I must say I've broadened considerably my own perspectives through the Institut Catholique and to the good I think.

Someone said that St. Basil's Seminary is revamping its program. I should be interested in knowing exactly how. Sorry to hear about Father Frank Ruth. We have had a mail strike on and off for over a week now and news is very slow getting through, even from Paris. Consequently, I am way behind. I intend to stay here for a while since the chance to work is so good. That is as long as my perseverance holds out. Probably make my retreat as well. Jim Howard and I would like to take a holiday to see some of England but that will depend on time and schedules. Most likely I will be wanted in Paris for September. Has anything been decided on Father Leonard McCann?



Samuel D. Femiano  
July 19, 1964

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Thanks for the letter and I should be happy to hear any news now that I'm off in the Midlands.

In Christ,

Sam.

(Letter from Father Samuel Femiano.  
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Samuel D. Femiano  
November 27, 1964

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Dear Father Scollard,

The enclosed is a copy of the weekly Diocesan paper devoted to vocations. I thought you might be interested in it since it is a fairly complete run-down of what is going on and what they want to do. I know apologies are rather out of line at this late date but if you are still interested in an interview I shall get to it over Christmas or shortly thereafter.

The Annals arrived this morning. Congratulations on getting them out again. Father Wey's letter was very well received. I haven't got through the rest of it yet but I can't find a write-up on the House. Our slip?

You have probably seen Archbishop Flahiff by now so you have the news. He stayed with us a couple of days, most welcome ones really.

News of the house for the moment is rather pedestrian. The scholastics are preparing for a beginning of examinations and a little trepidatious since this is the first time for most of them. My own work is moving along at a good pace, reading and trying to get some writing done. Newman is proving more and more interesting. I just hope it continues. As a result of the library sytem I find myself introduced to any





Samuel D. Femiano  
November 27, 1964

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number of them to get the books I want.  
The Bibliothèque Nationale is handy  
but not that useful actually.

Regards to all. It just occurred to  
me that this will probably arrive to-  
wards the end of the month, so Merry  
Christmas.

In Christ,

Sam.

(Letter from Father Samuel Femiano.  
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Samuel D. Femiano  
December 17, 1964

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Dear Father Scollard,

Your letter was most welcome and the clipping. I have been following the debate from afar as it were. Fred Black sent me a couple of things earlier in the Fall and then we started getting Commonweal, but this was the first Toronto news outside of the Basilian Teacher (whose rather heated debate I enjoyed very much). One thing about the clipping which rather pleased me was the prominence given to the BT in it. It deserves it. This year has been really good so far. If their quality continues there is no reason why they can't compete on the market and make out well. We got a letter from Father Francis Orsini this morning that he is coming over in January, which was welcome news too. When is your turn? I figure they are just about out of councillors now, except for Father E.P. Magee. I assure you we would treat you well, although I must say French ice cream contrary to any reports is not half as good as Bordens. Italian on the other hand is absolutely delicious.

Things are going rather well. This is the last minute rush before Christmas to get things finished up before the break, a couple of calsses, a few books to be read, etc. I am really proud of myself, not that it will help the thesis, but I was browsing through the catalogue of the Institut Library looking for what



Samuel D. Femiano  
December 17, 1964

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they had under Newman and ran across two letters or rather letters addressed to a certain Dr. Nourrillon. I hadn't heard of them particularly so I called for them and they turned out to be two autography letters bound into an 1866 translation of his Apologia. I was rather taken back so I came home and checked the published volume which had just come out and they weren't included which meant most likely they weren't known. I wrote to Father Dessain who is doing the editing in Birmingham to ask him and just got a reply. He didn't know about them and has written to the library to find out where they came from etc. Unfortunately they won't be able to be included in their proper place but there is a planned volume of letters that turn up in the process of editing the 20 or 30 volumes of Letters. I feel that's my contribution to Newmaniana. I would like to make another contribution with the thesis but that remains to be seen. It is going well though and I am slowly getting through the mountains of material.

I wrote you a letter, by the way, a while back which you will probably just be getting. It was actually a diocesan bulletin I wanted to send you so I sent it slow mail. Too heavy for French postal rates which are exorbitant.



Samuel D. Femiano  
December 17, 1964

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The scholastics are well accustomed to Paris life now and like it. They have even had a couple of exams so the first fears of the Seminary are allayed. They are wild about the courses. That seems to be the general reaction of those who pass through here, so it is good. The two French boys are getting along. Father Leonard McCann is down with a cold but otherwise in good shape, gets around Paris like a master. Father Ray Prince is the same as ever. We've turned our altar around. You have probably heard that and we are breaking into the changes slowly. For Christmas we hope to have a real community High Mass since there will be besides ourselves two or three at least of the other European confreres. That will make Christmas very jolly to use an English term. Bud Paré's brother is coming down for the holiday but then leaving for Switzerland with a friend, Mike Kenny. I don't know if you know him or not. A blessed Christmas to all of you at the Curial House.

In Christ,

Sam.

(Letter from Father Samuel Femiano.  
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John P. O'Meara  
January 20, 1964

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Assumption University of Windsor  
400 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
January 20, 1964

Dear Bob,

On Tuesday last I received your letter. The pressure of business has delayed my acknowledging it.

In passing over two better qualified men for myself on the ground of their numerous activities you have violated a management law second in importance only to Parkinson's law. The second law is: "If you want to get something done, ask a busy man to do it. He will give it to his secretary." In fact that is the source — that is, absence of secretary — of my reluctance to take on much of anything.

Some points and some questions.

(a) Does the Dictionary of Canadian Biography list them, i.e. subjects, by year of birth, death or period of greatest achievement? etc.

(b) For Assumption would not Frank Mallon who did more alumni work on a person to person basis than most if not all concerned be able to give a fairly good story?



John P. O'Meara  
January 20, 1964

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- (c) This is the type of project that appeals to Father LeBel. Would not a note to him mobilize the full resources of the University?
- (d) Father LeBel upon fulfilling the lugubrious contion you mention should be a candidate.
- (e) Would not some form to be distributed to "suggesters" be of some help?
- (f) You are concerned with candidates right down to the present not just in the 1850-1900 period?

Let me know what you think about all this.

In Xto

John P. O'Meara, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Vincent J. Fullerton  
February 5, 1964

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Basilian Fathers  
1100 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ont.

Dear Bob—

I haven't seen Joe Rivard but I understand he has diabetes. George Phelan is good, for him. He teaches one period a day and has had no attacks in quite some time. He has only missed saying Mass once in more than a year.

Mother left St. Joseph's Hospital but she didn't go home. She is at Providence Villa Hospital. She still has quite a bit of pain and how long she will be there, I don't know. She broke a small bone in her back. I expect to go to Toronto this week-end to see her. I expect to stay at Bill's. Jack is on a trip to the Dominican Republic, British Guiana and Brazil and will not be back until about March 1.

Vin.

(Letter from Father Vincent Fullerton to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Joseph C. Mitrano  
February 15, 1964

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Catholic Central High School  
6565 West Outer Drive  
Detroit 35, Michigan  
February 15, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

I am sending you three copies of Basilian which I found last week among some old papers one of the priests was discarding. They will probably be of no value to you, but I thought that perhaps they might be something of value, so I decided to send them to you. I found these pamphlets to be very interesting and very well done.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Mitrano, CSB

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Leonard A. Kennedy  
February 21, 1964

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Assumption University  
Windsor, Ontario  
February 21, 1964

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for your kind note. I appreciate it very much. I was very pleased also to see that Gerry McGuigan has been awarded a post-doctoral Canada Council for a full year.

I have been thinking hard for some years about Basilians publishing and my thoughts have crystallized into three definite convictions:

1. We must get our doctorates as soon as possible. This means no high school teaching and no part-time work while doing theology or graduate work. If a person were going to teach in college no one would advise him to teach high school. Moreover, for us it is a mistake financially. It ruins study habits and delays an already delayed task.
2. No one should teach, or even begin to teach, unless he has his doctorate. This will avoid developing inferior teaching and studying habits. It will also mean more years of first-class teaching and studying. It will also mean that a man will get his doctorate. This will eliminate all the terrible inferiority complexes we have.



Leonard A. Kennedy  
February 21, 1964

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3. Teaching is a full-time apostolate.

We should keep our men out of administration, especially part-time administration. Also we should cut Sunday work to an absolute minimum. Windsor is excellent in this respect. Some places are still poor.

If we do these things the problem of publishing (and other problems, especially discontent) will solve itself. Men will have projects for the summer and will find interest in research.

Gratefully,

Leonard.

(Letter from Father Leonard Kennedy.  
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Leonard A. Kennedy  
July 9, 1964

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London.

Visited my aunt here. This is where Miss Rose was. Weather is fine; work going well enough. This week-end on the ocean helps. Lots of Basilians here: Jim Howard, Sam Femiano, Gerry McGuigan and Leo Hetzler.

L. Kennedy, C.S.B.

(Postcard view of Paignton Sands and Front, ailed from London to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



T. Dake Batty  
February 26, 1964

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St. Basil Mission Center  
1713 North Tinsley  
Angleton, Texas  
Feb. 26/64

Dear Bob:-

Thanks for your card and good wishes.  
My ailment had the symptoms of a stroke  
but the medico says it wasn't one. You  
might tell that to Si Perdue if you see  
him. He wrote "Beer" Lyons saying he  
had heard that I had one.

I saw Joe Pope yesterday. His blood  
pressure should be back to normal after  
his annual winter vacation. It has  
been cold here this winter, or maybe  
it is just my blood getting thinner.  
We had a trace of snow in Angleton, the  
first since 1960.

Regards to all

Dake.

(Letter from Father Dake Batty to Father  
Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the  
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Toronto)





P. Wallace Platt  
March 2, 1964

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 2 mars, 1964

Dear Bob,

Sorry to be a bit slow in answering your letter. I was in the process of getting together the information you asked for, when I discovered Michel had finally sent it along to you. I shall work on the other business of the necrology, and try to fill in some of the gaps for you, though a first sounding out of Father Charles Roume does not leave me optimistic.

You will be happy to know that we are finally organizing our library here. For the past eight years, since we took over the administration of the College, nothing to speak of has been done, and the state of the library was just shameful. Father Wey may have mentioned it when he returned from his visitation last year. Well sorting and arranging has been done, books have been bought, and the thing should be well on its way. Actually there are some good collections, although a good deal of the material is old and quite out of date. In some ways this is good, as it will enable us to begin at the beginning.



P. Wallace Platt  
March 2, 1964

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We are all well at the moment, and the winter has been kind. No one was down at all, and now things are bursting out all over, so that the cold weather can be considered licked. The time goes very fast, and it hardly seems like over two months since Christmas, and less than four weeks until Easter. I guess it is the regular work and schedule that does that. We are busy enough, that's for sure.

Father Roume's book is really wonderful. We've been reading it in Spiritual Reading. I realize more and more the necessity of knowing the History of the Community in order to understand it, and to see the particular way in which God has led us, and is leading us. They knew hard times and the blackest discouragement. They also knew Father Pierre Tourvieille, who had ideas of his own on what religious life should be, and how a Community should be run. Recently I read the life of Msgr. Charbonnel. It made me wonder if there has been anything else written on the early history of the Diocese of Toronto. Is there, for example, a history of the Cathedral? How could I get hold of this work? Charlie had some translations of letters written from Toronto in 1852-53 by Fathers Jean Soulerin, Joseph Malbos, William Flannery, etc. How would those letters have been in Toronto? Were the



P. Wallace Platt  
March 2, 1964

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originals sent back to the Cathedral Archives? The early history is fascinating. When you think that they built that immense Cathedral for a handful of Catholics! ...

Father Roume is wondering if he should continue his historical work. At the moment he is working on history of the lower Ardèche, the region he comes from. He seems to be waiting for further instructions from Father Wey regarding the history of the Community. I think if Father Wey knew this, he would instruct him to go ahead by all means. I suppose, however, that further history would necessitate his going to Toronto. But that is certainly not out of the question.

Glad to hear the sick are on the mend. Father McGuire's death was a surprise, at least to me. He was a gentle person, and a deeply spiritual man, doing his job quietly and faithfully. Good example.

Please give my best to all at your house. Prayers ever.

In Christ,

Wally

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



René M. Vermillion  
March 4, 1964

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St. Thomas High School  
4500 Memorial Drive  
Houston 7, Texas

Dear Father Scollard:

This article appeared in the local newspaper on the 16th of February and I thought you might be interested in it for the files.

Everything going fine down here. I am teaching one period per day, Third Year French. The rest of the day is spent in the office. I am the Registrar and Guidance Counselor for the school.

I was hoping that I would get up to Toronto this summer while on holidays but I don't think I will as I am going to France with my parents. This is my first trip back since I left 25 years ago. I am quite excited. I will see some of my relatives for the first time in 25 years. It will be quite an experience. I will be gone about one month.

Hope that everything is going smooth in Toronto and the Seminary. I am praying that we will have quite a few vocations this year from Houston.

Best to all,

René





René M. Vermillion  
April 24, 1964

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St. Thomas High School  
4500 Memorial Drive  
Houston 7, Texas  
April 24, 1964

Dear Father Scollard:

I am mailing you another clipping. I don't know if you can use it or not but we are very proud of the boys and I thought we should send it on to other parts of the community.

The University of St. Thomas has been very good to our students in the past couple of years. Last year we had more boys go to the University of St. Thomas than to the University of Houston. They have been very generous with scholarships and grants in aid. Father Vincent Guinan gives our students first choice. Of course, I have a great love for the University as it is my ALMA MATER. I feel that there is no better University in the whole South. Mind you I may be somewhat prejudiced but I seem to convince the students that they are making a mistake if they do not go there.

This year I am teaching French III. I have only ten students in the class and all of them are brains so that I don't really have much to do. It is the only class I have all day. I am in the office the remainder of the day. I like counseling but I like teaching too. I



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don't think I will be teachin next year, however. Of course, I could use all the time in the office as I am registrar, guidance counselor and general flunky — all rolled into one.

I am afraid we will not have as many vocations to our own novitiate this year as we did last year. So far we only have one. I don't know if Father Allnoch has sent it in yet but everything is complete except the part on the Local Council. He (Bert Edmundson — the student applying for the Novitiate) is a terrific student as you will see by the transcript. I have taught him for the last three years and I know him really well. I hope and pray that he will remain in the community as he will be a real asset to us. He did not know one word of French when we began first year French three years ago. Now he is fluent and say almost anything he wants to. I may have another one before too long. I want to check into his family background more before I do anything more on him. We should not complain as we will probably have about six who will go to the seculars but a couple of them would be better in our own community.

Well, I had better stop for now as I have appointments to keep with parents. Report cards came out last Monday and I really have been catching it. I find that students do not study enough but



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I should talk, I was terrible about studying when I went to school — High School as well as college. I never was much of a student. In fact, if you recall I didn't do too well in Theology.

I hope you are well and give my regards to all the confreres.

In Christ,

René

(Letter from Father René Vermillion.  
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William H. O'Brien  
March 12, 1964

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Thursday, March 12/64

Dear Father Scollard -

Thanks very much for the mail —  
specially for your personal note there-  
in. The famous letter I've been wait-  
ing for is here in front of me. Teas-  
ing me. An agony of curiosity until  
tomorrow at 5. I'll phone Matt Mulcahy  
at 5:01.

All goes well. Delivered my seminar  
last week. Success. Melath fine. Have  
made provisional arrangements to stay  
here this summer. Thesis.

Happy St. Pat's Day!

Faternally in Christ

Bill O'Brien, C.S.B.

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the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)





William H. O'Brien  
March 28, 1964

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Holy Saturday

Dear Father Scollard -

Happy Easter! and thanks for the Newsletter, your personal note, the appointments.

Am very sorry about the leak: some old story, some idiot adolescent upsets the apple-cart for the rest of us. Matt and I kept the faith: in our respective "communities". Much kidding about opening the famous envelope ahead of time. In the house where I live one of my 'confreres' set his alarm-clock for 5:00 p.m. to give me the signal. Word from Matt Mulcahy and from Jimmy Morro confirms our reaction: very pleased. Unanimous.

Am "house-hunting" since I can't stay at Bon-Pasteur. Have reserved a room at the Students Residence for the summer, but am hoping that something better will turn up. My studies end here Thursday, April 9th. Will see you in Toronto the week of April 13-18th.

Gratefully and fraternally

Bill O'Brien, CSB

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William H. O'Brien  
October 17, 1964

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Saturday, Oct. 17, '64

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks very much for the news-letter,  
and for the very welcome personal note  
you included. Always good to hear from  
you.

Anent the visit of Her Majesty and other  
troubles of the political and social  
order, there is indeed much explaining  
to be done ... on both sides of the  
Ottawa River.

And if there's one thing more difficult  
than explaining Quebec to our byal  
Toronto, its explaining Quebec to Quebec.  
Nothing easier, of course, than making  
a casual judgment on the whole province.  
Ask any tourist who has spent a weekend  
in the Chateau, here, although I'm  
tempted to think that much of the rash  
judgment in Toronto is traceable to  
people who have never been here at all.  
Personally, the longer I live here, the  
more I hear and see, the less willing I  
am to commit myself by way of opinion  
one way or another on anything.

No, I wasn't at the Citadelle..stayed  
home to work on the thesis; took a few  
minutes off to watch the proceedings  
on TV which, from the point of view of  
the strictly practical, was the only



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way to watch. The whole affair was regrettable, and I'm preparing even now to answer in detail the many questions I foresee when I see you all in Toronto next Christmas.

Perhaps you can pass along some information to Father Robert Fischette for me, please?

The director of my thesis is pleased with the work I'm handing in to him; I saw him this morning — we meet every two weeks or so — and the last thing he said was to the effect that he's not at all worried about my writing a successful thesis. Father Hubert Coughlin's advice with regard to doing exactly what the director wishes, asks, recommends, etc. is being followed scrupulously; while it would be wonderful at this point to be able to promise the completed thesis for next spring, such promise would, right now be somewhat rash; best I can predict is that the magnum opus will have a form, a direction, a research practically complete, in short, movable, and hence achievable wherever obedience calls me next Fall. Am going somewhat out on a limb, I know, but I sense the pressure on the Council for information of this nature and proffer it with the usual reserve.

With regard to the enclosed bill from Starkman: am still on the Vallium recom-



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mended by Dr. Murray; this is a very mild tranquilizer and makes sleeping much easier. (Health, by the way, is good.) Usually Starkman bills me personally; perhaps, in this present instance Johnny Gaughan has received a bill and paid it. But properly speaking, it's my account, for which the enclosed cheque will suffice. If you would kindly pass this cheque on to Johnny then?

Haven't seen Matt Mulcahy in quite a long time ... too long, now that I think of it. Next week I'll go over to the new St. Lawrence and look him up.

My very best to all the community!

Faternally in Christ,

Bill O'Brien, C.S.B.

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Claude G. Arnold  
March 18, 1964

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Saint Mary's Chapel  
331 Thompson Street  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Mar. 18'64

Dear Father Scollard,

When I received your note with the appointments, I couldn't answer you question — but now I can. My director, Professor Nelson, told me this morning that the defense of the thesis will be on Thursday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m. I had hoped to have the defense before Easter, but the Committee couldn't schedule it any sooner. I'll be able to leave for Houston immediately thereafter.

I'll take th hint about going to my new assignment, this time, by the way. I thought these things had to be given three times before they became effective; but when I was in Windsor last week getting the American visa, the confreres reminded me that it's the threat of dismissal, not of change of residence, which 'takes' only the third time. I couldn't understand it when Ed. Brennan told me that there was talk of holding a Gneral Chapter to discuss ways and means of getting me to leave Ann Arbor.

By the way, 'Claude Arnold 5416-58, Ph.D.' hardly has the kind of ring to it that



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an operation which has lasted this long seems to call for in a name. Bob Howell agrees that if some change could be made, an improvement would result. The grandest variation I can come up with is, "C. Graveley H. Arnold, 5416-58, C.S.B., Ph.D." Perhaps this form could be used in subsequent editions of the Annals. There wouldn't be anything quite like it in the Community.

My prayers for a holy Easter

Claude Arnold

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Claude G. Arnold  
April 28, 1964

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
Apr. 28, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

I hope this doesn't come as the first announcement of the fact — but I really am, now, where I'm supposed to be. And, as the beginning of the hundred-fold, I feel at home in the full sense for perhaps the first time since joining the community.

The thesis, "Henry Reynolds' Mythomystes (c.1632): an edition of the text, with an introductory essay", was defended on Thursday, April 11. The defence seems to be pretty much of a formality at the University of Michigan, but the committee were highly complimentary. Interestingly enough, what they all — especially my director — liked best about it, was the analysis of Reynolds' thought in his essay and its implications for a theory of literature. All I did (and the notes make the indebtedness clear) was to give them Mairtain as simply and explicitly as I could — and they seem to have thought the whole thing superb. I'm going to write Father Edwin Garvey, because the work owes more to him than to anybody at U of M. The more people we can get who will use St. Thomas' principles in the analysis of literature, the better: the truth is there, and it's gratifying to



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have the fact acknowledged with gratitude by tough old men in their sixties who are not "Thomistic", and have worked too hard and too long to be taken in — or even impressed — by theories that aren't rooted in the realities of experience.

After one frantic day spent in packing odds and ends, I boarded the train Friday at noon, and arrived in Houston on Saturday evening. Tuesday I taught my first class (I've taken over three), and I've been having a wonderful time ever since. One is vastly "busier" as a teacher than as a graduate student — but also (so far) vastly less anxious and frustrated. The spirit of the house is wonderful — there is a sense of community here that my experience of life at Assumption had made me think was something one had to resign oneself to giving up after one left the Seminary.

By the way — because some people I mentioned the "change" to have not done so — I hope you took C. Graveley H. Arnold" as jeu d'esprit. Good ol' 5416-58 represents much more accurately the way I feel — almost as well as does

Yours in Our Lord,

Claude Arnold, CSB

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Victor B. Brezik  
March 30, 1964

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
March 30, 1964

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your note a short time ago and for the Newsletters and other curial communications you have been kindly sending.

How I wish I could be over in France and possibly as lucky as Dave Bauer to have lunch with Jacques Maritain. Unfortunately, God seems to have willed otherwise. I never realized I could get myself into such a mess as this rectal operation has put me in. I have been told that some people heal slowly. Well, my progress has been even below par with slow healers. The physical discomfort has been bad enough. Then there is the mental anguish, the temptations to discouragement, the moments of fading hope, and the whole gamut of emotions emphasized by the existenti-  
alists. But Easter shows us a triumphant Christ and I believe that we do share in the power of His Resurrection. I just have to keep trying until the operation completely heals. Meanwhile, there is no point in entertaining thoughts of France, Toronto or any place away from home.



Victor B. Brezik  
March 30, 1964

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Hope you are hale and hearty. Isn't it about time for your second visit to Texas?

Sincerely,

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(Letter from Father Victor Brezik to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Frederick J. Zakoor  
April 8, 1964

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St. Mary's College  
Wilson and Wilcox  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
April 8, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

I have been asked by some Eastern Rite Basilians from Lebanon about the origin of our name 'Basilians'. I gave them the facts but then I was asked why was there a church in France named St. Basil's. Can you answer this for me? Perhaps it would be interesting history to trace why this church was named after an Eastern Saint. Is there any evidence to indicate a settlement of Eastern people living in this area of France? I would appreciate receiving a reply to this question. I am sure that if you cannot answer it you will summon your European historian to find the answer. I am also sure that this would be of interest to you.

For local news just read the quarterly reports. All is the same.

In Christ,

Fred.

(Letter from Father Frederick Zakoor.  
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Ulysse E. Paré  
April 8, 1964

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Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks loads for the kind letter. I knew of course that Clare <his brother> had applied for the Novitiate and was very glad to hear that he was accepted. I think he has done the right thing all along. It was not easy for him to leave, and I imagine that coming back had its difficulties too, but it's been done before and I'm confident that his experience away from the Community will suit him better than before for life within the Community. But then in the last analysis only time will tell.

We finally have some Spring weather — temperature is the 60's (.i.e 18 degrees Centigrade), so I hope Father Robert Fischette comes quickly before it goes away. If my memory serves me correctly he'll be here in less than two weeks.

Everyone here seems well and ready for the last push of the academic year. We need sufficient accumulated energy to last us until the end of June. (That explains the two and a half week Easter vacation). Needless to say I am very much looking forward to coming back and being ordained. Between now and the middle of July there will be considerable work and strain, but I'm in good health and spirits, in fact, maybe I should be more apprehensive than I actually am.





Ulyesse E. Paré  
April 8, 1964

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In any case, things are going well as time draws nearer.

YOu've no doubt heard that my priest brother, Larry, has been named Bishop Emmett Carter's "Delegate" in Windsor with the rank of Pro-Chancellor. I'm not sure what's involved, but maybe during the summer I can get some free dispensations from my brother!

I hope you'll excuse the lack of news. As for myself I am hoping that Father Fischette will have some specifications re my appointment. Others may have their reasons for awaiting his arrival, so I hope he's well rested.

Once again, thanks for the letter. I'm looking forward to seeing you this summer, end of June I hope. Greetings to the confreres (respectful greetings to the Curial House!)

In Christ,

Bud Paré

(Letter written from Maison Saint-Basile. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



George B. Flahiff  
April 9, 1964

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Dear Bob,

Thank you for your note, which I received after my return to Winnipeg, also for the copy of the appointments which awaited me. I had every intention of a brief letter covering what went on at the recent meeting of our Commission (On Religious Life), in so far as it can be made public, but I have been in the hospital ever since I came home. We battled for a long time as to who would have the longeste unbroken record. I guess you win. I had never before been a patient in a hospital. Moreover, I had not missed a day through illness in more than 29 years, but I am now out of competition. And so inglorious a thing as "shingels" was the cause. Apparently, I was going through the early stages of it in Toronto, when they could not find a reason for the sharp headaches.

The doctors tell me that it is a virus infection that affects the nerves themselves. The manifestation is severe pain, but with no other symptom to betray its cause. Only in the second stage is the culprit unmasked, when a rash breaks out. Most commonly, it is across the back, but mine appeared on the right side of the neck, over the chin and cheek, across the ear and up the



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right side of the head (the area in which I had felt the pain). Sickness, in the sense of fever and the like, lasted only two or three days, but the rash became open sores that needed steady treatment. They have now responded to the treatment and are drying up. I am told that the area will be hypersensitive for some time; otherwise I can function more or less normally again, when I get out today.

Imagine missing the whole of Holy Week, when one is privileged to officiate pontifically. Fortunately, Archbishop Baudoux was able to consecrate our oils for us, but that Mass has already become a favourite and I missed it. Did I tell you in Toronto, that Archbishop Baudoux and I had received permission from the Holy Father, to introduce concelebration at that Mass. Pope Paul had said: "Maybe it would be well for some to experiment. Go ahead!" And I had to forego the privilege. By next year, it should be general, perhaps even sooner. Archbishop Baudoux used the same twelve priests who take part in the ceremony of the oils. He was thoughtful enough to invite some of our priests, in view of my illness. All found it very impressive and I am told that the faithful did, too.



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April 9, 1944

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If I can still manage a letter, I shall do so, Bob, but I had better not promise. I must first try to get ready for the Canadian Catholic Conference meeting in Ottawa next week when we look at the next things to be done re the vernacular.

Remember me to the others at "200". Please tell Father Wey that I received the documents that he returned to me. God bless you!

Sincerely in Xto.

+G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

(Letter written from Winnipeg to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)





George B. Flahiff  
July 28, 1964

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Archdiocese of Winnipeg  
353 St. Mary's Avenue  
Winnipeg 1, Manitoba  
July 28, 1964

Dear Bob,

I returned in the "wee" hours of the morning from a Confirmation tour in our sparsely settled northern districts. For 90 or 100 miles north, it is still farmland, with settlements of Polish and French-speaking peoples largely. The latter are not only from Quebec and Manitoba; the early part of this century saw immigration from France itself, chiefly from Brittany and Auvergne. Beyond the agricultural area come our Métis (half-breeds) and Indians; I saw a good many of them. All is as different as it is interesting.

Many thanks for your letter which awaited me. I am sorry that I missed a visit at "200". As it turned out, my time was solidly taken up after the day of the Connolly wedding, by Archbishop Pocock and my own family. I would have welcomed a session at the Curial House, but I had to get right back to resume the interrupted Confirmation tour.

I learned of Frank Ruth's death from the Connollys. Thank you for the obituary.



George B. Flahiff  
July 28, 1964

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Thank you, too, for other community news, including latest appointments and prospects thereof.

As far as I know, any further announcements re changes in the language of the Liturgy will come from local bishops and from their liturgical experts. Certainly, I had not contemplated anything more in the name of the Canadian Catholic Conference, now that the facts are available. I wonder what you had in mind?

Did a big book on the Council ever reach "200"? I brought it to Toronto with me to present to your library there. Not having got to your house, I left it with Father Kevin Kirley, with Father Wey's name on it. It might possibly still be lying around the Seminary. It is a large quarto in size and has some pictures and texts that give it a certain value as a document. I thought that you might like to have it.

I go to Windsor for the National Lay Retreat Association meeting this coming weekend. Since I shall be staying at Assumption I should see a few confreres there. If at all possible, I shall stretch the visit by a day and get across the river, too. Later in the month, I take in the Canadian Religious Conference's congress in Ottawa, as one of the guest speakers. Thereafter, it will be time to pack for Rome.



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July 28, 1964

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The visit to Calgary was pleasant and provided contact with somebody from each of the houses in the West. Some good sessions were held during the following days. I also saw the Stampede for the first time.

Best wishes to all at 200 and 206. God bless you and many thanks.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

P.S. I, too, enjoyed the visit with Father T.A. MacDonald even if it was all too short.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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George B. Flahiff  
November 5, 1964

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Grand Hôtel de la Ville  
Via Sistina, 67-71  
(Tinità dei Monti)  
Roma  
November 5, 1964.

Dear Bob,

I used the tail-end of the long weekend, as you suggested, to get a letter off to the confreres. Only today am I managing to forward it to you. Alas, it got quite out of hand. I should have chosen only one or two things and confined myself to them. Now, unfortunately, it has to be all or nothing, since we are back in the grind and, if I do not send this now, as it is, I shall never manage anything. As I mention at the opening of the letter, I actually started one two weeks ago but it remained suspended for that time and then did not sound right. Please cut anything you want to, and edit the letter in any way whatsoever. Moreover, knowing what a busy time this is for you, I wish you to feel perfectly free to do nothing at all with it except dropping it in the wastepaper basket.

Many thanks for your various communications almost since I first arrived. I am deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness and for the trouble you take to keep me in touch. I do not always give concrete evidence of my gratitude by acknowledging each missive, but it is





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November 5, 1964

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very sincere just the same. I may have mislaid some of your communications, but I can still acknowledge a letter of October 9, Treasurer General's Report of October 14, a message (October 23) on the back of the Superior General's letter about the Standing Committee on Provinces. O yes, and I now locate the earliest message of all: an Air-letter of September 17th. The news that you give in all of them is much appreciated. I also received a copy of Father Charles Leand's Manual for Scholastics which is truly excellent both in content and in style.

Much as I should like to get to Annonay, having missed them on the way through as a result of being held up in St. Boniface by the consecration of a new Auxiliary, I fear that I shall not be able to make it. However, I shall drop off in Paris for a day or two and telephone Annonay from there. Other things being equal, I expect to have a day or so in Toronto after a visit with my sister in Halifax. It will be late in November before I reach Toronto. Please say hellor to everybody for me in the meantime. I look forward to seeing you all. I turst that all are well.

My apologies for the typing. I accept part of the responsibility but not all. Each year over here I have borrowed or rented a typewriter. I am convinced that those with an "American key-board"



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have been resurrected from typewriter graveyards in the USA and Canada and that the one requirement for shipment overseas is that they be able to jump infallibly. It is exasperating at times. Finally, I just do not bother and try afterwards to hook up letters with my pen.

You doubtless heard that Father McIsaac, Rector of the cathedral in Winnipeg, and Msgr. Paul Dwyer of Oshawa are the two English-speaking pastors to represent Canada at the Council. Father McIsaac is walking on air. Seldom have I seen anyone so pleased. He deserves it, too. I see that this is all for now. God bless you. Pray for us.

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

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W. James Howard  
January 5, 1964

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)  
Sunday Jan. 5, 1964

Dear Father,

I think I should toss in my hat before entering, but I'll take my chances. First, before I get off onto the more business like aspects of this letter, let me thank you for the newsletters. On the floating island they are greatly appreciated. Then let me sneak in a bit of information. I have changed my address. The new one is Bodington Hall. The full address is: Grant House, Bodington Hall, Otley Road, Leeds 16, England.

I have communicated all of the particulars to Father Robert Fischette although I thought you might like a notification as well. Other than that there is lots that I could tell, but little to report. One thing you might do for me (it will fulfill a promise and save a letter) present FatherWey with the greetings of Father Docherty who was a classmate of Father Wey's whom I met in London. He invited me out for lunch, so the least I can do is keep my end of the deal.

All goes moderately well, and to the best of my knowledge Basilians in both France and England are in good health.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Howard



W. James Howard  
April 15, 1964

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Dear Father,

Here are the book reports for the junior clergy requirements. Theological reading is a welcome change from the daily reading and writing, and I more than welcome the chance to become involved when I have the chance.

Since my letters have been few and far between, I suppose I should thank you for all the letters in the plural which I have more and more looked forward to receiving, but am just too lazy to acknowledge. So thank you very much. Just to let you know that your efforts are appreciated by more than Basilians, I had one of the students order the books that were recommended in past newsletters for the catholic library here in the university. From the reports coming from the chaplain some of them have a waiting list. The library is really not what one would expect to find in a university, and many of the students are anxious to continue studying their theology. This, as you know, they cannot do beyond high school over here. So if you are doubtful about sending on recommendations in theological reading, don't hesitate in this case.

I had an enjoyable time over Easter in France and on the trip to Italy, and all in Paris seem fine, if a might less than content. At times I wish everyone were exiled from the community for a while





W. James Howard  
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just so they would learn to appreciate the good as well as bein more than critical of the faults. As you can tell I would still come back this minute if given a chance, but ...

I don't know if you have noticed lately, but the University of Texas has recently transported another valuable collection of eighteenth century manuscripts to their library. In a way it would almost pay me to go there and do some reading. If I were to do anything public with my own work, but so far I have not needed any of the manuscripts which they have steamed off with. It would certainly round off my work, but is not essetnial. Do you realize that many of the only copies of eighteenth century works can now only be read in Texas. The British have been remarking about this trend in the press and lamenting their own lack of funds.

As for my own work, it goes well, and Grant has been quite satisfied with the 200 pages he has received. The ideas are, at least to some quite exciting. I only wish I had the writing ability and style to do them justice. But if I can distract the reader from the writing with the ideas, and with Grant's patient direction who knows. Speaking and writing over here I feel like a real barbarian, but we can have everything.



W. James Howard  
April 15, 1964

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It is getting a bit late, so I had better turn the noise of this machine off for the night, besides the morning comes early. Remember me in your prayers especially for fortitude. It must really be lacking when one is thirty and is still fighting bouts of homesickness. Someday I shall grow up.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jim

(Letter from Father James Howard, writteen from Leeds to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Charles J. Principe  
April 19, 1964

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
April 19th, 1964

Dear Father,

I have been meaning to send these pictures to you since February. Perhaps they have little interest, but I know you like any details about the Basilians over here. Fathers Charles Roume, Félix Pouzol, Lucien Brot, Wallace Platt and I went to visit the former Basilian school at Feyzin on February 16th. From Father Roume's history you can get details of this house: how it suffered from proximity to Lyon, the swamps, etc.

If you put pictures one and two together you can get an idea of the yard and the Feyzin's school facade. However, the most impressive view is from down the hill behind the building, where a road follows the old bed of the Rhône (where the swamps were). I have the picture from the valley, but perhaps you aren't interested in the building as such.

Picture three shows a box-tree in the yard and its relation to the old château (for the school had been a château).

Picture four shows the box-tree after we finished the De Profundis. Father Roume knew that Father Julien Actorie



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(the 2nd) had died here on his way to see Archbishop Guibert at Tours, and that he had been buried under a box. This had to be it; it's the only one there, the only one old enough at any rate, to be the site of Actorie's grave. No other signs of burial were found. Father Henri Coupat is also buried there, as well as another "auxiliary teacher", a non-Basilian (who had been a novice, however, but left the Basilians).

At this very moment, I have just checked with Father Roume. He has changed his mind a bit: the box-tree is probably the one where Actorie is buried, since boxes don't grow naturally in the area (it would have been planted expressly). However, we should check all round the property.

I said the school had been a château. A couple now lives in one wing of it and the lady showed us parts of the building (not the chapel, for which she hadn't the key). She claims it is a 17th century château. There was one sign of Basilian presence: in what must have been the dormitory, there were two little rooms partitioned off, no doubt for the prefects!

We are all well here, and awaiting Father Robert Fischette. I guess he will arrive only after Old Boys' Day on May 1st.





Charles J. Principe  
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We're in the middle of a series of thunderstorms these days: Spring is here to stay. Some changes during the holidays: Father Robert's office re-decorated; new furniture there too. Wally Platt has really renovated our library: new shelves, old and new all repainted, books clasified and now being catalogued, new purchases.

Michel Deglène is a terrific worker in his spare moments — he let's off steam and energy that way: with a couple of students he painted the sisters' refectory, and now has stripped own Father George Beaune's "old" chaplain Simca to make a cart out of it for our help. We have new talbes and chairs in our refectory. We sit five to a table now.

Hope you are well as well as all at the Curia, and that Father Wey has rested up after the fatigue and worry of the nominations (I mean the appointments!)

You know Father Roume would like to continue the history of the Community, at least parts (since many documents are lacking here for certain periods). Say a prayer for me, Father.

In Christ,

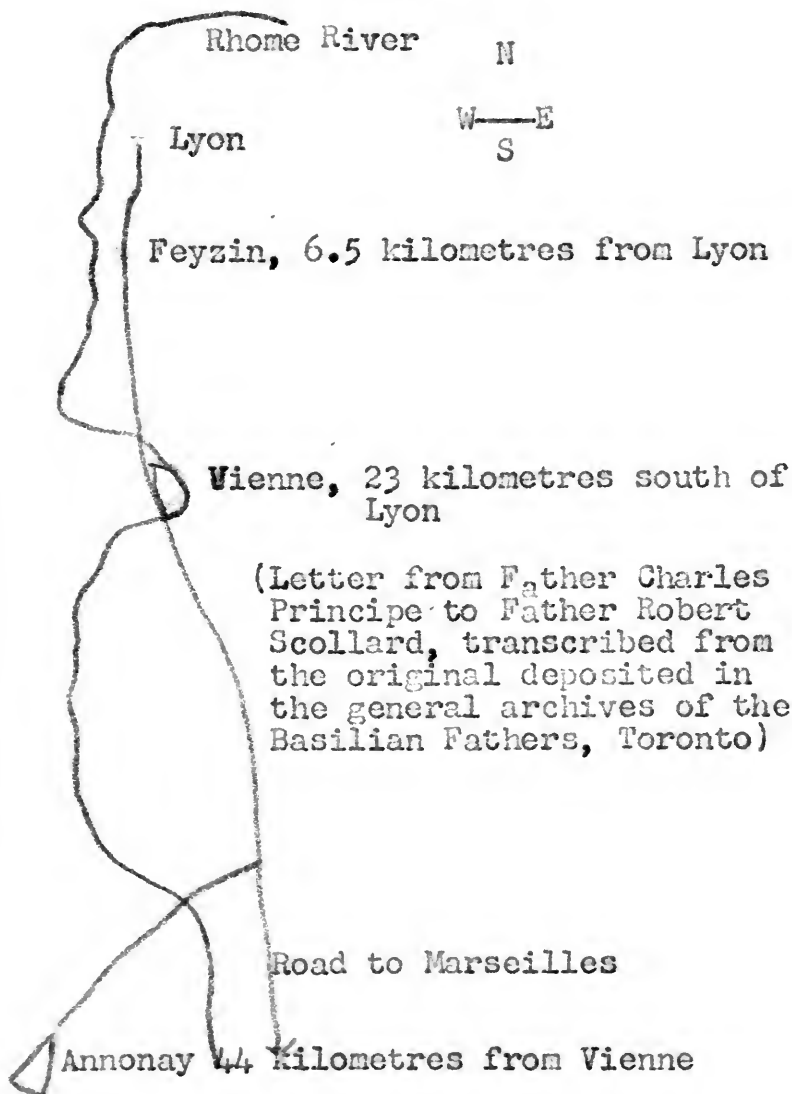
Charlies

P.S. Please excuse my writing and the lack of order in this letter. I really have no time to re-write it.



Charles J. Principe  
April 19, 1964

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John B. Janisse  
April 24, 1964

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
April 24, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness in typing out the extra copy of Father Robert Fischette's thesis, and sending it down to us. I left it for Father John Meyer to look over, along with your letter (he was interested to learn about Miss Bassam as he had a course from her at Michigan) but I haven't discussed it with him again to find out his decision regarding adding the book to our collection or not. If he decided not to I'll follow your suggestion and give it to Joe Courtney for the House of Studies.

While I'm at letter writing, I plan to drop a little note to Miss Bertha Bassam. I'll tell her you sent me a notice about her reception and I'll be more likely to have an "in" that way, since I know she thinks highly of you.

A few weeks ago — just two to be exact, I went to Abilene, Texas, about 300 miles northwest of here to a convention, the Texas Library Association was meeting there. I was looking forward to a not too-profitable convention (I've been going to these almost every year and



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haven't found them as profitable as the Ontario Library Association conventions). However, this time I was able to hear Dr. Edmon Low, who taught me two courses at Michigan. He said he remembered Father Meyer because Father Meyer knew books so well he helped Dr. Low with his teaching (he also was taught by Dr. Low. Dr. Low is librarian at Oklahoma State University, and is a contender apparently to become President of the American Library Association. I enjoyed and profited by talking to him.

I've been holding down odd jobs in library associations, etc. since I've been down here. I was chairman of the Upper Levels division of the diocesan unit of the Catholic Library Association, treasurer of the Houston Library Club, worked one year on a Houston Committee for National Library Week. That one frightened me. There were so many important people working on the committee and so much work floating around, and I felt I couldn't do too much of the work or supply practically any of the ideas. About the only thing I did was to stir up some interest in National Library Week around here by putting up a display, etc. Now I've become Vice-Chairman of our own diocesan Catholic Library Association (which is planning to take some of its sails down, so that should mean less work, thank goodness).





John B. Janisse  
April 24, 1964

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Thanks for the news about Leonard McCann and Archbishop Flahiff.

You no doubt know about the new buildings going up on campus. Father Meyer seems to be well and continues to be a very good person to work for. Miss Rhtolesberger is just finishing a two year term as chairman of our diocesan Catholic Library Association. I've been feeling well for the most part and hope you are the same. Regards to all. Thanks too to Father Robert Fischette.

In Christ,

John Janisse, CSB

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Frederick J. Zakoor  
April 27, 1964

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St. Mary's College  
Wilson and Wilcox  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
April 27, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

We will be leaving for Lebanon from Detroit July 5th. My Dad and I will be stopping in Paris and Rome for ten days or so before going on to Lebanon. We will have the confreres in Paris to show us around the city. I just wrote to Father Raymond Prince asking for the "fifty cent" tour. Will there be any Basilian in Rome sometime during the week of July 12th that would be willing to show the things the tourists do not know about? I would like to see the Holy Father if this be possible. Could you advise? We will be in Rome four or five days.

Will you please send me a celebret or anything else that I may need including any European advice.

In reply to your last letter, do you have any idea on how old St. Basil's Church near Annonay is?

All is well in the Sault. When are the next set of appointments coming out? The snow is finally gone and the golf course will be open this weekend.



Frederick J. Zakoor  
April 27, 1964

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In Christ,

Fred

P.S. When are you coming up to plant trees for us?

(Letter from Father Frederick Zakoor.  
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Ulysse E. Paré  
May 1, 1964

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)  
May 1, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you most kindly for the letter and the news about the Community. Enclosed you will find the biography — a trifle long perhaps, but you didn't expect me to be modest, did you??! Actually, I worked on the principle that it's easier for you to delete extraneous matter than to make additions, so take whatever liberties you wish with the text.

Lately we've been enjoying superb Spring weather, much to Father Robert Fischette's delight. He doesn't believe us when we insist that before his arrival the weather was cold and damp! Today, he and Father Raymond Prince left for England, returning on Monday. Father John Quinn dropped in last night. He will stay 'til Sunday. Now doubt from now on visitors will abound.

I've given some thought to the gift you've made to the House of the 1963 Catholic Almanach, and I must admit that I'm still rather puzzled! Did you deliberately send us a volume which repeats 170 pages — precisely the pages in which Congregation of St. Basil should occur? I can't decide whether you got it free. Father Fischette suspects that





Ulysse E. Paré  
May 1, 1964

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he was the victim of an elaborate joke! I imagine you will hear more about this on his return.

If this should happen to be my last communication before my return, I want to say that I'll see you this summer, and I hope especially to see you at my ordination. You will certainly receive an invitation and I would be delighted if circumstances and your work allowed you to take a jaunt down to Windsor.

Everyone here is well and sends greetings. Best wishes to all; the needs of the Community are in our prayers. As ever,

In Christ,

Bud Paré, CSB

P.S. To clear up the last sentence of the Biography: as far as I can see there have to be three priests at the ordination — my brother and the pastor who will assist the Bishop — but there has to be at least one Basilian, Father Kirleý? to attest to the Community's o.k. However, that's not my problem.

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Robert M. Fischette  
May 17, 1964

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 17 mai, 1964

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter of May 2 which was here at Annonay when I arrived last Monday (Today is Sunday). I have stayed "put" here at Sacré-Coeur all week, venturing down the hill to Annonay only for a haircut a couple of days ago. (I find the French word for barber — coiffeur — much less ridiculous than the British "Hairdressing for Gentlemen".) However, this afternoon several of us shall take a trip to St. Symphorien, Maison Seule, and a couple of other places. Tomorrow is one of the few holidays of the years — day after Pentecost, so we shall pay a quick visit to St. Alban's. Because of the holiday tomorrow, this is also one of the weekends that boarders are not present here at the school. What a difference it makes not to have all those kids around from morning to night. Imagine! The boarders have to get up at 6:30 and have to be in the Studyhall at 6:50 for an hour of study, before breakfast!

I can see why Father Joseph Wey called this site at Annonay the most beautiful in the Community. It is really beautiful on the top of this hill overlooking Annonay, with the mountain ranges in the



Robert M. Fischette  
May 17, 1964

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background. However, I still say that St. Mark's College in Vancouver is a better view — not to compare the buildings here with those at St. Mark's or anywhere else. In fact, the old section at St. Mike's (the part on Bay Street) has this place beaten a mile for looks and maintenance — especially the exterior of the building. They keep speaking here of the tremendous improvements that have been made in this or that room. Maybe so; but I would have hated to see what it looked like before the improvements! I guess we in the States and Canada get spoiled with our spanking new buildings and modern conveniences. It makes it difficult for us to view things here objectively — without making odious comparisons.

If I stay here for a few more weeks, I'll be able to talk French like a real Frenchman. I'm glad that I went to Paris, first — to get a little practice before coming here. Now I get along with any of the crowd here. I can take part in a general conversation or carry on a conversation in an interview with one person. Last night, I even played Bridge with Father Félix Pouzol and have learned all the expressions in French — so much so that Father Pouzol and I (who were partners) won the game quite handily, though I admit that we did get some rather good cards — but not as good as you are accustomed to get!



Robert M. Fischette  
May 17, 1964

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I did not come directly from Paris to Annonay. I thought it would be best to get a view of Belgium, Holland, West Germany and Switzerland — so I took a circular tour from Paris to Brussels, Antwerp; Rotterdam, The Hague, Amsterdam, Cologne, Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lyons and Annonay. Father René Robert had written to me asking me to let him know when I would arrive at Lyons; so I did so and he was at the station there to meet me — and drove me to Annonay. I'll be here until next Saturday (May 23). Because of my Eurailpass, I'll return to Paris (getting a look at eastern France which I did not see) and visit Lisieux. After a couple of days there, I'll go to Lourdes for a couple of days, then down to Rome. Father Vincent Kennedy wrote me that he has reservations for me at his place (only \$4.00 a day for board and room!). Unfortunately, I shall be in Rome only one week and will then visit Bologna, Pisa, Firenze, Venezia, Siena, Assisi, Napoli, Pompei, and Sicily (if I have time). One thing I have really learned — it is expensive to eat and sleep in Europe — even making the greatest economies one can.

Best regards to all

Bob Fischette, CSB

P.S. I spent three days in London. Stayed at Knights of St. Columba and had Jim





Robert M. Fischette  
May 17, 1964

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Howard come there too (instead of my going to Leeds). Jim also preferred it this way. We had some good talks and did a lot of sight-seeing, but I found it was a very expensive trip (my Eurailpass was not good in Great Britain). My swing into Belgium, Holland, Germany and Switzerland was also very expensive and I'm sure the trip to Lourdes and Italy will be so too. That's why I wrote to Johnny Gaughan for a couple of extra hundred dollars which I'm sure I'll need before I get home.

Bob.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Robert M. Fischette  
November 17, 1964

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St. Theresa Church  
Sugar Land, Texas 77478  
Nov. 17, 1964

Dear Bob,

I'm enclosing a few comments on Provinces written by Dave Heath. He wanted me to see his ideas — but he does want this material to be given to the Committee on Provinces. So would you please see to it that Terry McLaughlin gets it? Thanks.

All goes well. I just finished the visitation at the University of St. Thomas and John Murphy drove me to Sugar Land last evening. I'll be here for another week or more (on the Missions, that is) and then plan to drop in on Larry Faye at Lawton. Then on to Cleveland on American Thanksgiving Day for the Basilian Educational meetings. I hope to be in Toronto on that Sunday (Nov. 29).

Tell Jo Ann <McEachren> that I've been getting my mail regularly. The center of operations this last week will be Sugar Land, so all mail should come here.

Saw Dake Batty last night (in St. Joseph's Hospital). He is getting along fairly well but had another dizzy spell yesterday afternoon. Best regards to all.

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Wilfrid J. Dwyer  
May 27, 1964

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St. Basil's Church  
940 Rex Avenue  
Ottawa 13, Ontario  
May 27, 1964

Dear Robert:

Thanks for your kind letter re taxation which I am passing on to Father Charbonneau. While the topic is very vital, I personally can't get too excited about it providing they leave old age pensions for Religious as they now stand!

Since returning to Ottawa, I attended Father Kenneth O'Keefe's father's funeral at St. Andrews West last Sunday and besides the O'Keefe family I met representatives of the McGillis and McLaughlin families. Didn't have time to explore the historical riches of St. Andrews West but saw enough to be much impressed.

May 27 should stand as a red-letter day for St. Basil's, Ottawa. A Mr. Teal & Co. completed working and seeding the grounds. (This is not for publication, I haven't the right to give a news release). But it is something! Right now I'm looking for a suitable place for a flag-pole — for the new Canadian Flag announced toady. I like it!!!

The rainy weather is favoring our agri-



Wilfrid J. Dwyer  
May 27, 1964

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cultural pursuits. The lawn at Newman House is perfect or on the way toward perfection.

Greetings to all at the curial house.

Sincerely in Xto

W.J. Dwyer, CSB

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Patrick O. Braden  
May 30, 1964

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
May 30, 1964

Dear Father Scollard:

Enclosed is my new will, which I presume and hope is in good order. I have kept a signed carbon copy among my effects here.

Our graduation exercises were held last night. Father Leonard Rush preached at the Mass in the morning, and led the Benediction singing last night, and was in his usual good form both times.

I made the retreat at the high school this past week so that there would be a priest at the University free during the retreat here. Father Aumann, O.P., was quite good at the H.S. retreat, very outspoken but good, even if I didn't agree with everything.

Thanks for attending to the matter.

Sincerely,  
Pat Braden.

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John B. Mullins  
September 14, 1964

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Newman Centre at McGill University  
3484 Peel Street  
Montreal 2, Que.  
September 14, 1964

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your kind letter — I mean the personal one and not the curial tax reminder. I have already sent a cheque to John Gaughan.

The information you requested is on the letter head. I've written in the postal zone (2) and the telephone area code 514. I am full time chaplain at D'Arcy McGee High School, 220 Pine Avenue West, Montreal 18. The phone number at the school is 849-4209. There are 685 boys and 505 girls. The Christian Brothers conduct the boys' school and the Congregation of Notre Dame the girls. Beside this there is an Annex, a few blocks away on Dorchester, with a student body of 275 boys under a lay Assistant Principal.

I have two assistants, part-time of course, one a diocesan priest, Father Fitzpatrick and the other a Redemptorist, Father Michael Murray. So you may well imagine there is lots to do. Many of the students come from poor backgrounds, children of immigrants who think it is heroic virtue to go to Mass on Sunday.



John B. Mullins  
September 14, 1964

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Everything is somewhat overwhelming since it is so new. However, everyone has been most kind and co-operative.

Hope this information will be of some help. Don't forget us in your good prayers.

Fraternally in Christ,

John Mullins, C.S.B.

P.S. Bob, I should have mentioned that I live at the Newman Centre and will help the Chaplain there in the evenings and on the weekends.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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John L. Kraus  
August 13, 1964

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University of Ottawa  
Sedes Sapientiae Centre  
223 Main Street  
Ottawa 1, Canada  
August 13, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

I would like to thank you for praying for the repose of the soul of my father. He too enjoyed his visits with you in the seminary. Dad's death was sudden and unexpected; however we have accepted our loss with joy, for Dad had gone to Confession just five days before his heart attack, and also, the pastor arrived in time to give him the Last Sacraments before he died.

I wish to thank you also for the many notes you have sent me during the past year — these are most welcome, as it is very lonesome living away from the Community.

My thesis is progressing rather well; my director seems pleased, and, God willing, I shall finish by next June. The library here at Sedes is excellent for Theology, but many articles, etc. which I need are not here, but through interlibrary loan I have been able to get most of what I need.

I am enclosing a note concerning my administrator for the records.





John L. Kraus  
August 13, 1964

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Kindly keep my thesis in your prayers.  
I hope you have a pleasant summer —  
I suppose you will be spending most of  
your time at the ISLAND!

Sincerely in Christ,

John Kraus, CSB

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Lawrence J. Faye  
August 28, 1964

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Blessed Sacrament Church  
Box 1546  
Lawton, Oklahoma  
Friday August 28/64

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for your letter. In answer to your request, I am enclosing the mailing and phone information. The address, of course, is as above. The ZIP code number is 73502 which you will find on the envelope. The area code is 405 and the phone number is ELgin 5-0488.

Father Joseph Shannon pulled into Windsor the same day I did and he talked me into making the trip to Lawton in his school bus with the ten new scholastics. We stayed in Gary with Father John Burke the first night, Tuesday, and travelled all day and all night and landed in Lawton at 7:30 a.m. Thursday. It was really rugged, but I enjoyed talking to the new Basilians and captured some of their young enthusiasm.

Father Darnell (not a monsignor as I thought) welcomed us with open arms. The scholastics, Joe Shannon and I, showered and shaved, celebrated Mass and had a huge breakfast.

Father Darnell and Father Hayden have been very kind and helpful. I have a very comfortable suite and am quite im-



Lawrence J. Faye  
August 28, 1964

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pressed with Lawton and its people. I attended a Kiwanis luncheon with Father Darnell and met many of the leading men, both Catholic and Protestant of the City. They were extremely friendly and kind and gave me an opportunity to speak to the members for a couple of minutes.

So far I fell right at home here and am enjoying the new life. Give my regards to Father Wey and the rest of the Curia. Tell Father Wey I will write to him after a bit, when things develop a little.

Would you please send me one of the new Vademecums as this is one thing I forgot to bring. Thanks again, Bob. Hope all the information you required is enclosed. Pray for me that I may do a good job here for the Basilians and for Catholic education in Lawton.

Sincerely in Christ,

Larry Faye, CSB

P.S. Tell Father Hubert Coughlin that I spent \$35.00 for dinner for the scholastics on the trip and that I ended up with \$165 of that \$200 I got from him. Pretty economical trip, huh! L.F.

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Lawrence J. Faye  
October 28, 1964

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Blessed Sacrament Church  
Box 1546  
Lawton, Oklahoma  
October 28th, 1964

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the notes that you have sent to me. Your last one in reference to the quarterly report caught me by surprise. Am I expected to make one? If so, would you be kind enough to send me a copy of the Constitutions? I thought I had a copy but I can't find it. I haven't any idea how to make the report, so I will need the Constitutions to help me out.

Things are going well out here. I find it very lonely at times, but I am getting used to it a little bit.

Tell Father John Gaughan that I will send him some money soon. Fort Sill owes me \$297 as of next Sunday. I have not received anything from them yet. My first Parish Salary was used up somewhat to pay the state sales tax on the car. I should be solvent in a month or so.

Regards to Father Wey and the Council. I am looking forward to seeing Father Wey around Christmas. Looking forward to the Annals.

Sincerely in Christ,

Larry Faye, CSB





Lawrence J. Faye  
December 2, 1964

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Blessed Sacrament Church  
Box 1546  
Lawton, Oklahoma  
December 2nd 1964

Dear Bob:

Thank you for sending me the Newsletter and other items. They are appreciated as I often feel that I am cut off from Basilian life. Your letters help to reassure me that I am still a part of things Basilian.

I am sending my quarterly report at the same time as this letter, so you will know that it is in. Things are going well here. Hope to be in Toronto for the Christmas Conference. I am waiting an answer from Father Wey in reply to my request for permission to go. There is so much to learn about this "New Religion".

Regards to all the confreres. It was a real joy to have Father Fischette visit me. Hope to see you at Christmas.

Larry Faye, CSB

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Richard J. Schiefen  
September 9, 1964

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St. Edward's University  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Sept. 9, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

The above will be my address this year unless there is some unforeseen change. The phone number is Hickory 4-2624. I'm just getting settled at the moment and shall write more at length later. I'll also try to get a letter to Father Robert Fischette real soon. I'm not completely satisfied here but it seems better than before. My best to all.

Sincerely,

Dick

(Letter from Father Richard Schiefen.  
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David G. Heath  
October 17, 1964

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Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks again for the news from home. You can't imagine how cut off from the Community, I feel.

My courses seem to be going well. I enjoy best my "Practicum" at the University High School. Right now I'm working in the Guidance Department of the High School, nine hours per week, at counselling. I thought the roman collar would scare away the kids but it seems to attract. My office is "bugged" and all interviews are on tape. These tapes are replayed by the supervisor and are criticized. It is a terrific school and of course I'm learning a lot how a public school is run. I fear for the future of Catholic Secondary Education in the United States unless we pull up our soxes. We can't afford to be second best. This practicum ends Nov. 13 and I'll miss it.

I also have a sociology course, an anthropology course and two secondary ed. courses (15 credits in all). In the Spring term, I have two Seminars and two courses. I write my doctoral exams in April or July depending on my committee. This committee seems to be on my side. We meet again next semester for "topic" discussion which is all important.



David G. Heath  
October 17, 1964

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I'm enclosing a roster of our football team. Notice the many catholics on it. This morning many of these kids were at Mass. Also our opponents, Michigan State were there in a body led by their coach. It was really quite a sight to see them and to realize this was not Notre Dame but a state campus. It is a shame that the church here is losing such an opportunity for good. Absolutely nothing is done for them while the other faiths do so much. Thank God, God is on our side.

Well this is longer than a note, but I wanted you to know I appreciated your notes.

In Christ,

Dave

(Letter written by Father David Heath from the University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)





Lawrence J. Lacey  
September 17, 1964

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
2405 - 12th Avenue South  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
September 17, 1964

Dear Bob:

Happy 35th! You may see Jerry Sharpe before you get this note. He is going to Rochester for Willie's 50th. anniversary Mass on Sunday.

I need a letter to the Canadian Immigration Department stating that I have been appointed to Lethbridge, and that I will be looked after by the Basilian Fathers. This is required to become a 'landed immigrant'. Send it to me, and I take it to them to fill out some kind of form.

Too bad the anniversary of your profession came so late in the summer, you could have taken the boat to Lewiston and retraced your steps on our Novitiate Pilgrimage to Niagara Falls under the guidance of Father M.P. Christian.

It's cold .....

Larry.

(Letter from Father Lawrence Lacey to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



James M. Rnakin  
September 18, 1964

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Sept. 18, '64

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, c.s.b.  
95 St. Joseph St.  
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Father Scollard:

I am finally settled and located with the Josephites at their Seminary and the address is: St. Joseph's Seminary, 1200 Varnum St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017. Phone LA 6-4231.

This is quite a unique place. It is a very large building but in two years philosophy plus four years theology the Josephites have only 45 students. As a result they have more room than they know what to do with. There are military chaplains here, also oriental priests, diocesan priests from various other dioceses and religious priests; also there are men from Africa studying theology here. Added to this the Palatine Fathers bus their theologians here for theology classes.

Of course, the situation is very good for Mass in the morning since there is no wait for altars and there is always someone to serve. Then too, the companionship of other priests is one of the best aspects of the situation. They are much like our own community in many respects.



James M. Rankin  
September 18, 1964

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I hope all is well with you and I shall be eagerly awaiting a copy of the Annals.

Yours in Christ,

J. Rankin, CSB

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Gerald F. McGuigan  
September 20, 1964

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September 20, 1964.

Dear Father Scollard,

I have received your letter of September 1 with the enclosure of the Vademecum. Thanks very much for this and your past communications. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness. While I think of it right now my phone number is TERminus 8888.

I just returned from two weeks holiday on the continent. I spent a week at our Paris House visiting with the confreres. During that week I went with Charlie Principe, who was passing through Paris on his way back to Annonay from holidays, on an excursion into the countryside. During another week I travelled to and from Chartres. I stayed there for three days. The reason it took me so long to come and go from Chartres (it is only 80 km.) was that I was travelling by mobylette (motorized bicycle) and I think that I must have poked into every village of population more than two and travelled every country lane. It is a very enjoyable way to travel. I enjoyed Chartres very much. It is the second time I have been there and it has rained on both occasions. However, despite the rain I was able to get about.

Arrived back in London yesterday. Back to the grind. I hope to have most of





Gerald F. McGuigan  
September 20, 1964

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this book finished by the middle of October (if all goes well). I hear Mike Quealey is coming over here sometime this year (he might as well, most other Basilians have been over here this year). If you get the opportunity, recommend London House to him. It's a good place to stay. Besides it will provide me with some Basilian company.

I was gald to hear your news about the progress of Frank Firth's thesis. Surely this will be a great work.

I enjoyed Leonard Kennedy's company this summer. Edo Gatto was here on and off during the summer also. He left just last night.

Please give my best regards to the confreres. Remember me in your prayers.

Fraternally yours,

G. McGuigan.

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Robert T. O'Halloran  
September 21, 1964

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Andrean High School  
5959 Broadway  
Gary, Indiana  
September 21, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for your recent letter. Enclosed you can find the information you asked for.

I nearly made it up to Toronto during the summer but I couldn't find anyone free to go along so I had to cancel out. Maybe next summer.

Our football team is presently undefeated 2ith a 2-0-1 record. They look better every time out. The faculty at Andrean now numbers 60. It's getting so the only time you see some of them is at faculty meetings. I am sending to Father E.P. Magee the various documents regarding the school-teacher's handbook, students' handbook, teaching assignments, etc. We are now beginning our fourth week and things seem to be going quite smoothly. We are about eighty over capacity so most classes are crowded. What with the number we had to turn away it makes one wonder what the answer is.

This is my first try at a typewriter in a while so please overlook the many errors.

Sincererely yours

Bob O'Halloran, CSB



Walter W. Scott  
September 22, 1964

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St. Thomas High School  
4500 Memorial Drive  
Houston 7, Texas  
September 22, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

It is always a pleasure to hear from you. Bill Duggan is doing very well. He is, of course, still in the hospital (in the Children's Ward) and suffered a mild setback yesterday when they had to re sew some stitching which had come undone. I guess this is not unusual, though. But considering the intricacy of the operation, we are quite pleased with his progress. He had, you know, lost some weight before the operation (as part of a reducing program). His brother Connie was down for a week or two to be with him. Connie seemed to enjoy his visit, and we enjoyed having him with us.

The rest of the confreres are as well as they ever are. However, my dog Merlin hurt his paw, and is limping around on three legs today. He has an appointment with the doctor tomorrow. (No, I'm not becoming feeble-minded in my old age.)

We are having what appears to be a banner season in football. In three games we have scored something around



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100 points to our opponents' none.  
Friday we play our first Varsity game  
with the new Jesuit High School. It  
should be a massacre, which will please  
our students no end.

Come down to see us soon.

Sincerely,

Walter Scott

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Viator I. McIntyre  
September 28, 1964

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Blessed Sacrament Church  
3707 Queen Street  
Windsor, Ontario  
September 28th, 1964

Dear Bob:

I have been out of my office four times during the past six years, and you would have to come along on one of those occasions. In this day and age we don't take photographs in black and white, so that the only ones I have of the rectory are coloured, and you told me a couple of years ago that they are no good to you.

In regard to sermons of historical value I have yet to hear one. Even Father Bernard O'Donnell doesn't have any and he is almost a graduate of the University of Belledune! I inquired about his degree, but he tells me that one, T.A. MacDonald, is holding him up on his thesis.

Love to you and all the pious members of the general council.

Fraternally,

Vi. Mac.

(Letter from Father Viator McIntyre to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Michael J. Oliver  
September 28, 1964

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St. Mark's College  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
Sept. 28, 1964

Dear Father Scollard.-

In reply to your letter received today  
I enclose an answer to your requests.

One of the benefits of the Jubilee is  
that I have enough cigars to last  
about a year.

I suggest that you omit "Yorkeen" from  
the Annals or wait a few days when we  
expect to have a definite answer to  
its fate.

With kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours

M.J. Oliver, CSB

Courses taught by Basilians at the  
University of British Columbia and St.  
Paul's Hospital:

1. Dept. of Religious Studies: Early  
Christian Literature, Father Francis  
Firth.



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2. Dept. of Philosophy: Mediaeval Philosophy, Father Firth
3. Dept. of Economics: Economic History of Canada, Father Gerald McGuigan.  
Not given this year by him.
4. Dept. of History: By Father James Hanrahan: 100 History of Modern Europe; 204 History of Europe 5th to 16th centuries; 317 Mediaeval English Institutions; 321 Readings in History; 325 Seminar in Historiography.
5. Philosophy of Religion, at St. Paul's Hospital, Father David Bauer.

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J. Wilfrid Dore  
September 29, 1964

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St. Joseph's College  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
September 29, 1964.

Dear Bob,

Greetings on St. Michael's day. It seems strange to have no commemoration of any account here after all the years when it had such significance in Toronto. We got away and running on Friday, for the new term. I will try and give you some data to knit together for the Annals as you see fit.

Renovations have been the main concern for the past year. The library, dining room and kitchen have been completed — including a new roof for the whole building. All student rooms have been refurbished. The Catholic Centre is to be completed October 15th, to include lounge, conference rooms, offices and coffee bar. This has all been financed by gifts of slightly over \$100,000 during the year.

The new term has special importance for us by the presence of our scholastics on campus plus nine from St. Joseph's Seminary. These added to the eight Redemptorist juniors make a real impact round the College. The St. Joseph's and Holy Redeemer groups are sent in each





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day. We have them for lunch and have provided a study room for them.

The new philosophy series has been introduced and promises to work out satisfactorily:

Phil. 242 — The beginnings and development of Christian Phil. Section 1, 62 students, Sect. 2, 54

Phil. 346 — Medieval Phil., 6

Phil. 507 — Graduate course in St. Thomas, 7 ?

Christian Apologetics 366 — 10 students.

Father Russell Pendergast is giving a senior course in Canadian Economic Development this year as well as two sections of the introductory Principles of Economics.

Our residents — 76 — include six priests; 3 Pallatine, 2 Redemptorist, 1 Franciscan, all pursuing work in the Faculty of Education.

Archbishop John Hugh MacDonald, in retirement, will be a close neighbour.

Graduates of St. Thomas More College and of St. Michael's College head the new executive of the Catholic University Graduates Society: Mr. Adrian Smith, STM, president and Mr. Wm. Nigro, SMC '38,



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vice-president.

Would the Annals be a good place for a plea for the Library? I would like to make a request to the older houses for duplicates. Our library is primarily of early Christian writers, mediaeval theology and philosophy. Anything in those lines would be of inestimable help to us.

Our local appointments are only two: Director of Student Activities, Father James Daley; Chaplains of the Catholic Centre, Basilian Fathers.

The residence fees have been upped slightly and are now received on a term basis — total \$670 for the year. Tuition fees range from 300 (Arts, Ed., etc.) to \$500 (Meds., etc.) Telephone number, address same as in the last listing.

Our first formal activity will be a reception and dinner for the opening of the library and the meeting of the Catholic University Graduates. Last year we invited a hundred and 450 turned up. This year we are preparing for 500+.

That covers the main points you requested, Bob. If there is anything else I can supply please yell. Kindest regards to yourself and the others in the House.

Sincerely in Him.

Wilf Dore, CSB



J. Wilfrid Dore  
October 7, 1964

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St. Joseph's College  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
October 7, 1964

Dear Bob.

Many thanks for the "History of the College of Annonay". The scholastics have already grabbed it. Thursday, our Thanksgiving dinner. Hope to have the old Archbishop with us. He is settled in near us and very friendly. Thanks for your appeal to librarians. All the best.

Sincerely,

Wilf.

(Letter from Father Wilfrid Dore to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Conrad T. Wieczorek  
September 30, 1964

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Sacred Heart Sanitarium  
1545 South Layton Boulevard  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215  
(On Highway 41)  
Sept. 30, 1964

Dear Father Scollard;

Thank you very much for your letter. I'm hoping that I shall be able to count on you to keep me in touch in the future. And before I get further into this letter and forget, it would probably be wise to give you the telephone number you asked for: it's 383-4490, and the area code for Milwaukee is 414.

You will probably be interested to know something of the courses that I'm following this semester. First of all, it seemed wise to get out of the way the language requirements for the doctoral program, and so I'm taking four hours a week of elementary Greek before attempting to do anything at all with Biblical Gree (and really of course, one can't strictly speak of getting Gree "out of the way", no professional theologian can expect to be taken seriously unless he knows the language of the Greek Fathers and of the New Testament".) Along with this I'm taking one hour a week in a German course designed for graduate students. In addition I have a seminar in Descartes, and next semester expect to have one on Heidigger. In my work in philosophy, undergraduate and graduate,





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I did very little in the modern philosophers, and it's quite important to have some knowledte of them in order to read the modern theologians. Finally, I am doing, with Father Bernard Cooke, a seminar in Sacramental Theology. Since my major will ultimately be Grace and the Virtues, sacramental theology is the most obvious and logical field for a minor. Father Cooke is quite good, generally speaking, although I can't say that I agree with him completely on the details of some of his positions, and I've been debating the wisdom of asking as many questions in class as I do, because most of the questions serve only to point out a place of disagreement. However, all of this aside, I think that after this course, and after the required readings and the paper that I have to do on sacramental causality, I should be on top of sacramental theology historicall and as it is currently being considered.

Sacred Heart Sanitarium is a very fine place to be staying. The rooms are very comfortable, the food is excellent and we have good facilities for saying Mass. The chancery here is most obliging in supplying me with Mass stipends, and this should help to defray most of my expenses. Between patients and students we have a regular community of priests here, fifteen of us: seculars, a Dominican, a Jesuit, a Benedictine, and a



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Basilian. The best thing about the place, however, is the peace and quiet, the almost total lack of which I found so demoralizing last year at Maison Saint-Basile. The only real inconvenience about the place is its distance from the university. It's about a forty minute walk or about twenty minutes by bus. Since I have morning and afternoon classes four days a week, it means that many double round trips which I find time consuming and rather tiring as well as expensive since bus fares are a quarter or six tickets for \$1.25. The best answer would probably be a small used card which could be run for a week on less than two days bus fare. However, I hesitate to ask the community to make such an outlay even considering that with cost of daily transportation, the cost of train fare home in summers and at Christmas, the investment would probably be recovered in the three years that I'm going to be here anyway.

Well I think this covers about everything for the time being. My health is good and so is my morale, and in my first time living out of community I'm doing fairly well in observing the daily exercises of the Vademecum on my own. Please remember me in all of your Masses as I do all of the confreres in my own.

Yours in Christ,

Conrad.



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P.S. A small favour if you can possibly manage it for me in your capacity as curial librarian. One of our required readings in Sacramental is Schillebeekx' Christ the Sacrament of the Encounter With God. It's available here only in cloth binding at \$4.50. I refuse to pay that price when I know it's available at home in a Stag paperback for a dollar and a half. If you could get a copy and send it to me somehow, I would be grateful. You could probably bill Father Robert Fischette for the cost.

(Letter from Father Conrad Wieczorek. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Conrad T. Wieczorek  
December 17, 1964

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Dear Father Scollard;

My apologies for not writing to you sooner. I very much appreciate your keeping the news-line open between me and home, and my thanks too for getting me Schillebeeckx so quickly. It has been invaluable.

My work has been going quite well. I've been beating my brains out with Greek and German, and also in another line of Communications acquiring considerable skill in translating the special language of Bernard Cooke into my own scholastic vocabulary and getting some very good insights into the meaning of sacrament in the process.

My very best wishes to you and to all the confreres at the curial house for a very happy and holy Christmas. I hope to see you, if not at the Christmas Conference, at least at the dinner at the high school on the 26th.

Connie Wieczorek.

(Transcribed from a Christmas card, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)





William J. Young  
October 1, 1964

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
Oct. 1/64

Dear Father Scollard,

I am enclosing our contribution for this year's Annals. I believe all the information you desire is contained. Father Leonard Quinlan obliged me with a couple of shots of the Strake addition which incidentally is not quite finished but should be by the time the Annals are published.

There isn't much of moment to report from here. Father Bill Duggan seems to be recovering quite well and Vic Brezik is back at teaching and I think his health is better. At the moment a hurricane is brewing in the Gulf and it may hit us. It's aiming at Louisiana or Texas. We haven't had one since Carla in 1961.

Best regards.

In Christ,  
Bill Young.

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Joseph T. Muckle  
October 7, 1964

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Stanley, N.Y. 14561  
October 7, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks very much for the Celebret. Please thank Father Wey for me. My zip code in Florida is 33020. Father McCorkell was down and stayed overnight one night last week. He likes to talk about old times. I am leaving here next Sunday morning and am driving at least partway, with Beulah as I do not want her to drive alone so far. If Father Vincent Kennedy is still there, tell him that I am sorry not to have seen him to bid him good bye before I left. I shall write to Father Wey shortly after I arrive in Florida.

Kindest regards to all.

Yours in Christ,

Father Muckle.

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Joseph T. Muckle  
October 20, 1964

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333 Minnesota St.  
Hollywood Beach, Fla., 33020  
October 20, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks very much for your newsy letter. We arrived here last Friday at 5 o'clock, a day later than we anticipated. We ran into heavy rain in the Carolina's which slowed us up considerably. I drove down all the way with Beulah and stood the trip very well. It is very hot here between 11 and 2 o'clock, but it cools off considerably at night. We have a reversible air conditioner and it proves a great blessing. I am saying Mass in our apartment and with the exception of Sundays and Holy Days I shall continue to do so. It makes it much easier as the Church is over two miles away and it gets hot from eight o'clock on and it was very warm when we drove back from Mass. Everything is the same here. The storms did no damage to our apartment and apart from blowing off some shingles, it did not harm anywhere except in buildings like hotels which had very large glass windows. There were blown in and the floors of the hotels were flooded, but is all fixed up now. The tourists are starting to come down. We overtook a good many on the way down, especially after we got through Pennsylvania. Politics are much in the air down here and Goldwater



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is making a desperate effort to carry Florida, which went Republican four years ago, but I doubt that it will this year. We have had absentee ballots sent to us so we can vote and send them back. I shall write Father Wey after a while. I am sorry to hear that Father Vincent Kennedy had another attack of his old stomach trouble, and hope he is able to carry on his teaching in Rome. I see Archbishop George Flahiff was re-elected chairman of the Episcopal Conference of Canada. I think that the term has always been limited and I presume that his re-election is a sign of great confidence and satisfaction.

Kindest regards to all.

Yours in Christ,

J.T. Muckle, C.S.B.

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Joseph T. Muckle  
December 1, 1964

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333 Minnesota St.  
Hollywood Beach, Fla. 33020  
December 1, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

I am not surprised that Professor Etienne Gilson packed the Museum Theatre and am pleased that he is keeping his keen mind and wit as he gets older.

I suppose Father Louis Bondy is back in the Seminary. He has had quite a siege. Father Robert Lowery, I hope, did not have to go through any heavy surgery. He has been bothered for some time. Father Alexander Grant is laid up pretty young but that arthritis is no respecter of age or person. He has been suffering from arthritis in his feet for a good many years. Father Duke Batty must have some serious disorder — high blood pressure or something. Will you please send me a copy of The Basilian Teacher containing the dispute between Fathers Robert Crooker and Ambrose Raftis. And I wish you would send me each succeeding copy as well. I expect Father McCorkell down two weeks at the end of February. Father Rudolph Diemer has become quite a spiritual man. I am very glad of it.

About ten days ago I left my Breviary on a bench on the beach. Beulah went out within half an hour to get it and



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somebody had picked it up. Fortunately the season changed yesterday. I hope to get it some day but it is hard to say when. I lost a book of prayers on a boat once. I left it on my deck chair when I went down to lunch and some crank picked it up and threw it overboard. The same thing might possibly have happened to my Breviary. The list of deceased members was in the back and I have no way now of keeping track of them. Will you please send me right away the most recent printed list and bring it up to date by typewriter?

I am glad Father Wey is keeping so well. Apparently he is faring better with his phlebitis than either Father E.J. McCorkell or Father Louis Bondy. Of course, he is a much younger man. Kindest regards to all.

Yours in Christ,

Father Muckle.

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Joseph T. Muckle  
December 27, 1964

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333 Minnesota St.  
Hollywood Beach, Fla. 33020  
December 27, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

I am very grateful for your interesting and newsy letter. Thanks, too, for the death list and the typewritten supplement. Archbishop Flahiff must have been able to get back from Ottawa in time to ordain the Basilians; he probably left for Winnipeg the same day. Father Dan Forestell is certainly leading a life of penance these latter years. I never heard him complain. I hope Father Louis Bondy has got his phlebitis under control. He is still active when he does get out of bed. I am glad Father Robert Lowrey is making a good recovery. I think his back has been bothering him for several years. Poor Father Leo McGrady seems doomed. I have not much confidence in the cobalt treatment. I did not know that Father Alec Grant had a bad skin condition. I thought he had a bad foot. Father George Phelan is a young man to have a bad heart condition. Father John O'Loane is left with only Helen, and she is an invalid. He was always very faithful in calling at his home. I am glad Father Vincent Kennedy's eyes are coming along alright. Eyesight is essential to his work in Rome.



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I am fairly well but my emphysema bothers me a good deal this year by shortness of breath; there is no cure. I don't go to the church anymore and I say Mass here in the apartment. May God grant all of you a healthy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

J.T. Muckle, C.S.B.

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Joseph T. Muckle  
February 15, 1965

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333 Minnesota St.  
Hollywood Beach, Fla. 33020  
February 15, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

I am sorry to hear of Father George Phelan's death. He has been a cheerful sufferer for several years. Father Leo McGrady seems to be nearing the end. He met me at the station last summer in Rochester. Apparently he suffered a great deal. Father Charlie Donovan will likely never regain his health. Father Jim Morro seems to be a good man for the job, in spite of the fact that he is ordained for so short a time. I hope somebody sends me a copy of the new Syllabus of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies.

It is the warmest winter for sixteen years here. Please tell Father Hubert Coughlin that Father Stan Lynch stayed outside nearly all the time for the two weeks he was here. He was very agreeable and good company. I heard that Father E.J. McCorkell is in Edmonton, replacing Father Wilfrid Dore temporarily. I hope it is for not too long as it is extremely cold at this time of year, and he is no longer a young man. I had a nice letter from Archbishop Flahiff.

Kindest regards to Father Wey and all the confreres there. I have been ex-



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pecting a table of statistics on the  
vote for division of the Order. Thanks  
very much for your newsy letter.

Yours in Christ,

J.T. Muckle, C.S.B.

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Joseph T. Muckle  
March 24, 1965

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333 Minnesota Street  
Hollywood Beach, Fla. 33020  
March 24, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for your letter and enclosures. Poor Father Leo McGrady, I am afraid, is doomed, but the bomb treatment may help him, but I doubt it. I intend to write to Father Alexander Grant. I know him very well. He complained of his feet years ago. I am glad everybody at the Churial House is keeping well. Will you ask Father Hubert Coughlin to get me an extension of my Celebret which expires the 1st of April. I expect to be here till the middle of May, and will not reach Toronto until time for retreat, so he had better get it for three months.

I am quite well for me and have been all winter. Father Stan Lynch was with me for two weeks and certainly took advantage of the warmth and the sun. He proved a good, agreeable companion. I am glad he was able to come down. Father John Warren should make a good pastor and father Viator McIntyre will welcome being relieved of the care and responsibility of the parish which is growing fast. I am sorry to hear that Father Wilfrid Dore has been so unwell. He has been a hard, honest working priest and has suffered with his back for a good many years.



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March 24, 1965

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They tell me that the changes in the Mass are welcomed in the churches, except for a few older people. I say Mass in my apartment and so use the Latin all the way through.

Kindest regards to all.

Yours in Christ,

Father Muckle.

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John M. Wilson  
October 13, 1964

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Basilian Fathers  
535 - 19th Street South  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
October 13, 1964

Rev. Robt. J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Secretary General  
95 St. Joseph St.  
Toronto 5, Ont.

Dear Father Scollard:

Probably the "Annals" have gone to press long before this. However, in any case it has been necessary to change one house appointment here: Chaplain for the Catholic students at Lethbridge Junior College is now Father Bernard Wninger. Father Gerald Gregoire is overloaded with extra French classes and could not make it in his schedule.

It was 84 degrees yesterday and 84 again today. Just perfect weather. Our "mums" are really a riot of color. We are looking forward to Father Wey's visit.

Yours in Christ,

John M. Wilson, C.S.B.

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James E. Martin  
October 13, 1964

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St. John the Baptist Church  
Amherstburg, Ontario  
October 13, 1964.

Dear Bob,

Father Leonard Kennedy told me a couple of days ago that you would like to have some news from Amherstburg — that's fit to print.

An afternoon Mass has been added to our Sunday schedule, at 5:30. The hours of Masses are now: 6:45, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 (High Mass) and 12:00 All Masses are dialogue Masses.

Construction of the Parish Centre has begun and will be completed by January 1st. In the building are four offices for priests and a general office for the secretary, community room, recreation room, two guest rooms and two meeting rooms. It will join the rectory to the church. The cost, without furnishings, will cost about \$98,000.

The aggrioramento is moving slowly. We are like the Detroit Tigers, we need a couple more key men. Come and see us sometime.

Sincerely in Christ

James E. Martin



Jacques Deglesne  
November 8, 1964

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 8 novembre 1964

Dear Father,

I am ashamed for not giving any answer to your very kind letter, Sept. 17, and to the report about my examination. I beg your pardon, but having nothing special to mention to you, I did not dare oblige you to read my poor English.

However, I am always glad to hear from over there. It reminds me of my stay in Toronto and all the nice people I met. May I see you again at 206 Russell Hill Road???

It is so long since I wrote that I do not remember what I already told you and what I did not. Anyway on my return here from Paris, I and all the confreres had to work hard to prepare for the coming year. Father René Robert was not feeling well so that the beginning was kind of hard. Fortunately everything went back into order and now it is quite normal.

My work is just about the same as it was last year: that is, I take care of the older boys and I am in charge of the Sports. But beside that, I had to take over Father Wally Platt's duty with the



Jacques Deglesne  
November 8, 1964

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"Legion of Mary". It consists in a group of very nice kids willing to do something and to work for the coming of the Kingdom of God. I am only sorry for not being able to give them more of my time, not knowing what to do exactly. However, I do my best. It has been quite slow to start this year, but it looks OK now, even so I do not know all the members yet, since several (around 15) have been announced who are supposed to come to the next meeting. I am very pleased with all these enrolments, but most of them come from the youngest boys and I am planning to do something special for them. But I want to talk with the two Presidents of the different groups before doing anything. Anyway all that will tell you that I am busy and that there are no doubt still many things to be done.

Father Antoine Epitalon is not feeling too well. A few days ago Father Roure thought it prudent to give him the last sacraments. How long it is going to last? We do not know but we certainly cannot expect any improvement. Father Mazet is fine. From all the other confreres, I can only give you good news.

A couple of days ago I received a letter from Jim Rent. He seems to enjoy very much his course at St. Sulpice. He does





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November 8, 1964

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not tell me much about the House, except that all are doing fine and are very happy to study in France. I hope they will make a good profit of this experience.

Before closing Father, may I ask you to give my best regards to all the confreres and be assured I keep you and all the confreres in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Jacques Deglesne, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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T. Paul Broadhurst  
November 8, 1964

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Via Della Sierra Nevade, 60  
Rome, EUR, Italy  
Nov. 8, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

Just a short note to let you know that we received the Newsletters you sent and to thank you for them. Please excuse for not sending details re our address, but I felt sure that either Father Wey or Father Fischette would have corresponded with the Viatorians and received a letterhead before we arrived. At any rate the address you have is quite sufficient. Enclosed is the exact address and phone number in case you might have need of it.

We were all very interested in the Newsletter about Provinces. It sparked a lively discussion. It also made me wonder about the Committee for the Revision of the Rule — whatever happened to it? Did it go into hibernation after its first report to the community (1961, I think)? As you remember they invited comments on their work. Three of us from St. Michael's sent a letter to Father Wey by way of comment, later suggesting that it be given to the committee. One year after that one of the members of the committee told me that he had heard of such a letter but had not gotten around to reading it. Naturally



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various interpretations could be read into such an incident, whether it be a case of misunderstanding, or only an isolated instance, but I remember thinking that if this was an example truly representative of that committee's mode of procedure, then rigor mortis had surely set in. Certainly discussion about Provinces, about the kind of work we should undertake in the future, etc., etc., are very important. But I have a sneaking suspicion that the future of our community depends on the task assigned to the Rule Committee, whether it can draw the community into a dialogue and guide it towards the acceptance and writing of a biblically and liturgically oriented rule to replace the scholastic and legalistic orientation of our present rule. The Council has undertaken a like task for the Church and despite vigorous objection from some of the Fathers, even highly placed, influential and revered ones at that. How can a community which refuses, or is afraid, to do the same hope to survive? So I'm interested — we all are — in this committee too. Are there any signs of life?

The four of us are settled down with the Viatorian Fathers now and are well into the school year. We hear very little about the Council. The nine members of the Council who live here keep to themselves in the General Coun-



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cil's wing. Since we live quite a way from the city (about 50 minutes by foot and subway) I haven't seen Father Gregory Baum. We did meet Archbishop Flahiff on the street but so far haven't got together with him.

Everyone is well and, except for the distance, our accommodations are very good. Will say goodbye now, and we all look forward to the next Newsletter.

Sincerely,

Paul Broadhurst, C.S.B.

Chierici di San Viatore  
Via della Sierra Nevada, 60  
Rome - EUR, Italy  
Te. 596.284  
59.10.985

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T. Paul Broadhurst  
February 14, 1965

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Dear Father Scollard,

We received the latest Newsletter Friday. I was sorry to hear of Father George Phelan's death, as I knew him quite well during my high school days. Your obituary brought back fond memories. The "No snow" and "Two acts if it goes the limit" were so exactly typical of his fine sense of humour. What a pair he and Father Joe Timmons made.

We enjoy especially the news you add on the back page. It makes the rounds in no time. As for recollections about Father Antoine Epitalon, there seems to be none that could be published.

Father Francis Orsini arrived in Rome this week, and we prepared an excellent welcome, as you read in the papers. In case he might arrive on Monday, we had a transportation strike — no buses, streetcars or subway. Then Monday night came the storm. By 7 a.m. Tuesday we had several inches, and it continued to snow all Tuesday morning — a real blizzard. It was just like home and more so. It was really a bit of a riot. The only snow removal equipment that Romans know about is the sun, and the city was utterly paralyzed Tuesday. The director of public works, etc., was interviewed on T.V. Tuesday evening. He said Rome has no snow removal equipment, and if it had some, it would just sit



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around year after year, and when needed wouldn't work anyway (nothing seems to work in Rome). When asked about the thousands of huge tree limbs littering the streets, he said the trees just weren't used to bearing usch weight. "What about the fallen electric wires?" the commentator asked. "They aren't used to it either", was the reply. By next day people had their hoses out trying to wash the snow from their sidewalks. The sun came to the rescue, however, and the snow has disappeared from the downtown area. Out here we still have a little, but it won't last long.

Father Francis Orsini seems to be very well. He is staying for a while with Father Vincent Kennedy, and then plans to spend next week out here with us. We have threatened to drag him out to some lectures.

All are well here. The school year is now half over. John Gallagher and I presented the Basilian candle to the Pope on the feast of the Presentation. Going into the 'back rooms' of the Vatican is like going into another century or another world. You'd wonder how any one there who's remotely interested in the 20th century keeps from becoming schizophrenic. No wonder they hate to see the Bishops low in for another Sessions.



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Well, Father Scollard, that's all for now. Hope you, and all, are well. Thanks again for the news. Goodbye for now.

Sincerely,

Paul Broadhurst, C.S.B.

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T. Paul Broadhurst  
June 16, 1965

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Via della Sierra Nevada, 60  
Rome — EUR, Italy  
June 16, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard,

We continue to receive, gratefully, the Newsletters and your own personal letters. You remarked in one of your letters that news travels fast. That might be so, but it doesn't seem to travel far; so we really depend on your letters to keep us up to date.

As for concelebration, I know of three religious communities in Rome who concelebrate every morning. They're probably a few years ahead of the game; it's my opinion that before too many years this will be THE central religious exercise of every religious community of priests. Here, at our place, we (the students) concelebrate every Sunday morning. We would all like it to be a daily occurrence, but among the 'higher-ups' there seems to be some official suspicion of the whole thing. Of course one can respect their own personal views on the matter. But when it comes to imposing their views on others, and against the obvious currents of theological and liturgical renewal, we have a rather hilarious situation. If people in positions of authority could only realize how little such naked exercise of power tend to increase respect for authority, perhaps they'd think twice.





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Terry Forestell arrived here last Sunday and seems to be in great shape. He's had a chance for a little rest since he left Toronto, on board ship and at Annonay. We've had some good "bull sessions" since his arrival.

You asked about summer addresses. Jack Gallagher is going to Germany but has not yet received the address of his residence. So he will drop you a line when he does. I will be at Maison St-Basile, at least for most of the summer. You said you already had Bud's address. Jack Gallagher and Bud Paré are still writing exams. I had my oral examination for the Licentiate yesterday, so am now all finished. However, I didn't receive the degree -- not until I take the oath against Modernism on Saturday.

That's about it for now, Father Scollard. We've had a number of Basilian visitors in the last few months: Jim Howard, Bob Fink, Father John Murphy. Father Vincent Kennedy is coming out here for dinner on Sunday. Goodbye for now. Thanks again for your letters.

Sincerely,

Paul Broadhurst, C.S.B.

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T. Paul Broadhurst  
July 27, 1965

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)  
July 27, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Just a short note containing a request. Gerry McGuigan was here yesterday and I had a chance to see for the first time, but only very briefly, the letter describing the functions of regional representatives and consultants. I would like very much to have the opportunity of reading it a little more carefully. Would it be possible for you to send me a copy?

Paris has been unseasonably cool this summer with lots of clouds and rain. We left Rome at the beginning of a stifling heat wave. It's good to be away from that. Have heard a few scattered reports about the "experimental" retreat. From what I can gather it seems to have been a success. I'll say goodbye for now, and thank you.

Sincerely,  
Paul Broadhurst

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T. Paul Broadhurst  
August 9, 1965

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
Issy-les-Moulineux (Seine)  
August 9, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter of August 3,  
and especially for the community news.

This note is to suggest a small correction in the 1965 Annals. If I don't write it now I'll probably forget until it's too late. We discovered this summer from visiting Basilians that the phone number given for our Rome residence is inaccurate. It should be 596. 284. I realize that the error is our fault for not sending you the information in time for last year's Annals.

The large number of scholastic departures this year certainly gives one food for thought. I'm glad to see that Peter Mosteller has been appointed to look into the problem. The situation surely warrants his full-time attention.

Today is a beautiful sunny day in Paris, one of the few so far this summer. Hope you are faring better in Toronto. Thanks again for the letter, Father Scollard, and goodbye for now.

Sincerely,

Paul Broadhurst, C.S.B.



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September 11, 1965

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)  
Sept. 11, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Before school begins in mid-October I will need a letter of Superior's permission in order to enroll at the Biblical Institute. It should be addressed to the Rector (R.A.F. Mackenzie, S.J.) from Father Wey stating that it is his wish that I enroll in the two year course leading to the Licentiate degree. Could you obtain it for me and send it to my address in Rome, marking "Please hold" on the envelope? I am uncertain whether I should be writing this request to you or to Father Fischette, but if I remember correctly you looked after this matter last year for my entrance to the Angelicum. Thank you very much.

All is well here, except the weather. Archbishop Flahiff arrived here on Thursday and left this morning for Annonay. He will be present there at the reception of the habit by the novices which will take place at a concelebrated Mass this afternoon. Speaking of concelebration, after concelebrating each morning for the past two months I am more convinced than ever that it can be a boon to community life. The Parish chancery office





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is now preparing permissions for scholastics in religious houses to receive daily under both species. It should be granted within a couple of months.

That's about it for now, Father Scollard. Thanks in advance for looking after that letter.

Sincerely,

Paul Broadhurst, C.S.B.

P.S. I expect to return to Rome toward the end of this month.

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November 16, 1964

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St. Joseph's College  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
November 16, 1964.

Dear Father Scollard,

Just a note from one of your "old boys" to congratulate you on another fine "Annals." It is something which the Community takes for granted, but I am well aware of how much hard work you put into its publication each year. At least in the area of records, our Congregation is organized! It is all due to your good work.

You probably have most of the news of our House from Father Wey, who was here recently. Our library is now open for three hours on Mondays and Fridays, although none of the books is catalogued. We really do need a librarian. I presume, however, that Father Dore knows what he is doing. It is unfortunate that he cannot envisage much being done in the library before next year. (How about coming out here next summer and whipping the place into shape!!)

The scholastics survive. I doubt that all four of them will stay. Our accommodations here are not the best. In fact, we do not have even a community room. The scholastics were in the midst of a gabfest the other night when I



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happened to walk in on them. They were quite discouraged and had decided that they were nothing more than college students. We had a good talk, and they seemed willing to accept the fact that all is new here, including their advent.

Father William Coyle was here a couple weeks ago. The men in Calgary are all enthused over the new parish (St. Pius X). In my short stay out here, I have become well aware of the fact that Western Basilians are partisan. Just mention the word "Province" and you have an eager audience.

It was good to get details on your new house from Father Wey. I'm glad you now have sufficient office space. It was a long time in coming.

Best personal wishes and prayers.

Jim Daley.

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March 26, 1965

St. Joseph's College  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
March 26, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard,

Just a note to congratulate you on the smart-looking format of the appointments. The Xerox does a fine job. (How horrible it is to recall how you made us slave typing stencil after stencil all those years!!)

Nothing has been done in our library as yet. I wonder if Harry Gardner could be urged into coming out here for a month this summer. I will be here all July and most of August. Father Dore has gotten no one to teach our summer offering in philosophy, so it looks as though I'm on again, for the third summer in a row. Father hopes to get Bill Sheehan again.

The scholastics, myself and Bob Howell have started a study club on the religious life (their choice). Either Bob or myself attend the weekly meeting on Thursday after supper. It is a shame that our scholastics do not take courses in





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theology. In this University there is no choice in the matter because there is no theology department. But, for their benefit, something should be done about this. I think Father Dore plans to send them East for a while this summer. It will give them a chance to meet some of the confreres. In a way, it would be a good thing if they could take summer courses, but, I presume Father Robert Fischette is working on that. They are good lads, and they have stood up well in spite of rather trying circumstances.

Do you remember Alex Macrae, OMI, who took courses at St. Michael's College in the late '40's and mid 50's. He has been living with us since November doing a feasibility study on the prospects of having a Catholic junior college in Edmonton. (I understand it was offered to us at one time)? His work is finished now, and his report goes before the government April 2 (although the University is pressing for more time to review the report). It should pass. He and I plan to take in the annual convention of the American Catholic Philosophical Association in Denver Easter week. I wrote a note to Bob Finn encouraging him to



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attend. I doubt that many Basilians will come from the East because of the great distance.

You will enjoy this. Last year the University of Alberta purchased a Xerox machine. Rus Pendergast found out about the purchase the day after the machine arrived. He went over to have some notes run off. But, no one in the printing office knew how to run the machine. As it happened, Rus was a personal friend of the inventor, while in Rochester. Hence, Rus showed the staff how to run the machine. Needless to say he has received every courtesy from the printing department since.

Last week, Archbishop Jordan appointed a vicar general for the archdiocese. The former one, Msgr. Carlton, was inactive for almost twenty years. He died in his late 80's a month ago. The new one is Father Edmund Donoghue, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in town, and a good friend of Archbishop Pocock.

Archbishop Jordan has put me on two ecumenical groups, one with the United Church, the other with the Anglicans. Activity is very stimulating spiritually and very informative, in both groups.



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Father Dore still has a hard time. Like Rus and myself, he looks forward to the end of lectures on Holy Thursday. The poor fellow does his best, in spite of his sufferings. It is pitiful to watch him, but he is a bullheaded Irishman and a dedicated man — there is no stopping him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim [Daley]

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James E. D. ley  
September 18, 1965

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St. Joseph's College  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
September 18, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard,

How nice to get your long and interesting letter. I particularly enjoyed your reference to the need for a year's work in 1967-1968 before you would be capable of getting into library work. I interpreted this to mean that you would be retiring as Secretary General. Somewhat less charitably, Father Robert Montague observed that you were campaigning again, even at this early date!! It would solve a practical question if you could inform us as to which is correct!

We have a full house, with around 65 resident residence students and 10 student priests, in addition to our own nine. The students enter tomorrow; the following week is Frosh and Registration Week.

I believe Father Montague phoned Father Wey to inform him that Father Wilfrid Dore entered hospital yesterday. We have no definite news on him as yet. Three doctors are working on him. His





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blood is poor, and he has a black spot on his lung, together with his age-old back problem. The poor man looks so thin, but, he is in fine spirits. It is a real relief for him not to have to be concerned with administrative problems.

Please keep him in your good prayers.

The exodus of scholastics is certainly something of concern to us all. I gather that the problem is not peculiar to our own Congregation. The Oblates and Redemptorists seem to be experiencing the same thing. I hope that the men who leave us find whatever it is that they are seeking. I hope, too, that in our Community effort to "update", we do not allow our good intentions to lead us into programs and ways of living which will amount to the surrender of our traditions. Why is it that the Basilian way of life seems to be most appreciated and admired by non-Basilians?? We are the envy of many other religious congregations. Maybe, we should take a good look at the way others see us; perhaps, we are not as bad as some of us think we are.

Another point along this line: for many people today, everything - even God Himself - is looked upon as a means to self-development (whatever



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that is). This fascinates me. It is so unrealistic and presents such a hopeless and impossible finality.

Our own scholastics are well and contented. Father Montague sent the five of them to Calgary (one to Lethbridge) for the weekend, the last before school starts. As it happened, Father Rus Pendergast was headed to Banff for a meeting of some kind, so the six of them drove together. Rus expected that he might be tossed out the window along the line!

Hope you had a nice trip to Waterloo. Take care, and pray for us as we do for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Daley

P.S. I'm sending a copy of Vol. I # 2 of the "Western Catholic Reporter". It is not up to # 1, but, then, it hardly could be! Do you know the editor, Doug Roche? He used to work on the old "Ensign" before he went to the USA and "Sign" magazine.

Our library will be OK. The Library of Congress cards are coming in now. I've haired a girl to



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start cataloging. We will take the year to do it. It really would be wonderful if you could come out sometime during the year to have a look-see. You have plenty of time to think this over. Would gladly pay your way by plane or train. We would even put two blankets over the mattress for you!!!. John Stapleton was most helpful when he was here, but, I have a long-standing confidence in your judgement which I lean upon. Think it over.

Jim

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St. Joseph's College  
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Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter. I severely reprimanded Father Robert Montague, and he has promised to send in the needed information for the "Annals" soon!! Seriously, if he has not done so in a couple of days, I will send it myself. He has been very busy.

I am sending you one copy of the third issue of the "Reporter", along with several of the fourth. You will note that our very popular daily Mass of Concelebration is written up with pictures on pages one and three. Bob Montague has rearranged the House schedule a bit this year, and everyone seems pleased with it. Rising is at 6.45, followed by Lauds, Meditation and breakfast. The daily Community Mass is the Mass of Concelebration at 12.00 noon. We try to have at least the three Basilians concelebrate, though others living with us frequently join. On two days, Rus Pendergast cannot make it, so he takes the 7.00 A.M. Mass (mostly





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sisters attend). There is also a Mass at 4.30 every afternoon. In so far as possible, we get non-Basilians to take these. The scholastics attend the Community Mass of Concelebration, which is dominated by the booming voice of Mr. David Armstrong. We seldom have less than 50 at the noon Mass. On Sundays, the concelebration takes place at 11.30. Our other community exercises are at 5.30, with Compline at 10.00 P.M. (This last time may not stay as the scholastics find it inconvenient, especially since they frequently study in the university library at night.)

The cataloguing is coming slowly. I have one girl working part time. It's all I can afford on a \$3,000 budget. She is marking the books. All the Library of Congress cards arrived. I am thinking of gathering a group of students from the Newman Club some evening and having them paste the pockets on the inside back covers. Then, I hope to hire a professional service to type the duplicate cards (why doesn't the Library of Congress print the card number in the upper left hand corner of each card?? It would sure save time.) I have pulled out the old notes



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from the course you gave us in the Seminary. They are a big help. It's a shame that I am so ignorant in this area; will try to remedy it. We need a card catalogue. Bob Montague tells me that Jim Feeley, the librarian at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, has one that he is not using since the opening of their new library. I have written to him. But, I want another one for a shelf index. The Knights of Columbus (who have built the library) look like a good source for this. I will hit them up. Tried to buy a hot penicl to burn the call numbers on the books but no luck. We are using black tape and white ink. I have found a binder in town (an Irish Catholic) who will give us a good deal on binding of soft covers and periodicals.

Poor Father Wilfrid Dore was not at all happy when we started cataloguing. You know how meticulous he is and how neat. The library has been set up by him as a picture of external order. I had to pull the whole thing apart and arrange it by author to send for the Library of Congress cards. However, now that he sees things progressing, he is happy. I guess Father Wey told



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Bob Montague that he did not think Father Dore should be overburdened and that he should just teach the one section in philosophy. However, Father Dore loves the library, so, it has been agreed that he would continue to order the books, at least. This is a big help to me. Running the residence and teaching three different courses is rather a demanding schedule.

About Father Dore's health: it is hard for Bob Montague to get any definite information out of the doctor, although he has been promised certain information this week. Father Dore has been coming in from the hospital on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to teach his section of Introduction to Philosophy. On Monday last, he announced to Bob that he would most likely have to have cobalt treatments and may not be able to continue teaching. Last week, he had an operation on his lymph glands to see whether or not there was a malignant condition. He has a dark spot on one of his lungs, which, apparently, is recent in origin. Father Dore had assumed that there was a malignancy and that he would have to have cobalt. I suggested to Bob to check with the doctor. As it happened, the doctor said



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that no analysis had been made of the lymph operation. He said, further, that the results should be available this week. And, if they are negative (non-malignant) then, an exploratory operation will be recommended to find out what the dark spot on the lung is; if they are positive, cobalt will be recommended. In any event, it looks as though Father Dore will be out of operation for sometime. At present, he is giving some thought to going East for two or three weeks to see his relatives. I suppose he is thinking that this may be the beginning of the end. We should have more conclusive information by the end of the week. Bob Fischette is with us now. It would be a good thing if he could bring back the information with him. He and Bob went to see Father Dore last night. Emotionally, Father is in fine spirits. If necessary, either Bob or myself will take over his section in philosophy.

The community room is coming along fine, although work on it has let up a bit since lectures started. The scholastics have had a great time on the project. The spirit in the House this





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year is excellent. Much of it is due to the enthusiasm of the good scholastics.

I wish you would give some thought to the forms you send out at the end of the year for the evaluation of scholastics. The problem may not arise in a large House, but it does in a small one like ours. Last Spring, Father Dore handed around copies of these forms to Rus Pendergast and myself. We were both in a bind as to what to do. All of the scholastics went to Pender for confession, and three of them came to me for direction. Pender and I questioned whether or not we could answer these Forms. We decided, prudentially, that we could not. We are in an odd position here. The Local Council constitutes one half of the Basilian priests appointed here (and, with Father Dore's illness, one third). I don't think that I should have been given copies of the Form last year. As I recall, when you introduced the Form in the mid 50's, it was to be filled out by the Councillors, the Moderator and the Superior. At any rate, it was meant to be used on that level. Would it not be better — at least, for our small H use — if the



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Form were filled out only by the Superior, after consulting his Council and those who teach scholastics. Perhaps, I raise this question as the result of the way in which Father Dore handled the matter last year. Certainly, the Form is worth keeping. But, perhaps in our small House, only the Superior should have to fill it in.

Good luck with the new "Annals". Is this the year for a revised version of the '58 listing of members, or, shall we wait for another?? Regards to all in your H<sup>ouse</sup>. We understand that Father Hubert Coughlin will be visiting us shortly. Please assure him that we shall have his old friend, Msgr. Foran, prepared for his visit.

Take care, and keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Daley.

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James E. Daley  
December 15, 1965

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St. Joseph's College  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
December 15, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you so much for your letter. We await the copy of the news clippings from your scrap-book. I know they will prove interesting. Needless to say, we are honored that our young House has a spot in the book!!

The Fall term has passed so quickly. We still have not finished cataloguing the library, but, we are down to 80 books. I was never able to give full-time to the cataloguing, given my teaching and residence commitments. The budget does not lend itself to hiring anyone full-time, so we have had to creep slowly through the whole thing. However, the resident students leave this weekend, and the teaching will be over for two weeks. I hope to get a crew together and complete the library next week so that it will be in shape for the Regional meeting of Basilians being held here between Christmas and Easter. I have ordered a card catalogue from



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a craftsman in Saskatoon: 9 drawers, oak, with stand -- \$150.00. I tried to get one second hand, but, that is a meaningless concept out here. The retail prices, through standard purchasing agencies, all range around \$250.

I enclose a copy of a very general outline of the agenda for our Regional meeting. As you will gather, Father Rus Pendergast is its author! Please pray that the gathering will be successful. The scholastics are very enthused over the whole thing. In several ways, they will be the centre of discussion and interest.

On Friday, Father Bob Montague is driving to Saskatoon with four of the scholastics for Murray Bogdasavich's ordination. Dave Armstrong may go too, although he is very busy with his M.A. work. In fact, he has been going full time all Fall - very dedicated. I think he has asked to go to Owen Sound for Christmas and I hope he gets permission.

We miss Father Wilfrid Dore. It was a job finding a place for him which would be in keeping with his doctor's insistence that he get to





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a warm climate and with his own desire to be with Basilians. Of course, Father wouldn't make a suggestion in his own behalf. When we finally hit upon Mexico (at "Vespters" one Sunday), Father lit up like a bulb, and we knew that Mexico was IT. I don't know how long he will stay (he said he'd be back by Christmas). The poor man thinks he is a burden upon us because he cannot teach. He wants to get back in the classroom as soon as possible. I think his return flight is through Toronto. Perhaps you will see him.

I can't thank you for the news on Fathers Simon Perdue and Leonard McCann. God will be good to them, I am sure.

Do have a happy Holy Season, and please remember us all in your good prayers. Excuse me for bringing up the subject again, but, I hope you're planning a trip West yourself in the near future. The door is wide open!!

Sincerely in Christ,

Jim

P.S. Archbishop Jordan will have supper and



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spend the evening with us the first night of our Regional meeting (Wed. Dec. 29). Bob Montague is trying to get Archbishop Flahiff to make an appearance and speak to us also.

You will note, in Pender's agenda outline, that the House address again is at odds with the address given in the "Annals"!!! It is 89 Avenue and 114 Street. FOR SURE. Otherwise, the "Annals" '65 was everything we have become accustomed to expect from your very efficient hands.

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E. Carlisle LeBel  
November 17, 1964

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St. Makr's College  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
Nov. 17, 1964

Dear Father Bob:

Thank you for your letter giving me some news, re Larry Miklossy, Father Louis Bondy, Father Peter Beaton. I am glad to know Larry is settled at Pontiac; I did not know Father Bondy had a recurrence of his old malady (?). Poor man, he has had a lot of trouble in the last six or so years; too much athletics when young, I guess.

We were glad to have had visits from Father Wey and later from Father John Gaughan. Please tell them both that the Golden Weather still hangs on, and that all the home-folk are amazed that it is not teeming rain.

We miss Father Michael Oliver but Neil Kelly is doing a nice job. All the brethren are well and busy.

All the best, Bob, and thanks for the news. I shall write Larry Shook.

Fraternally, E.C. LeBel, C.S.B.



E. Carlisle LeBel  
May 5, 1965

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St. Mark's College  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
May 5th 1965

Dear Father Bob:

You were very kind to take the trouble to send along my erstwhile diaries which you found somewhere in the nether regions of somewhere. I glanced through them, and I do not at the moment think there can be anything of historical value in them, although some items recalled to me things I had completely forgotten.

School is out here, and the boys have nearly all dispersed. The fathers are not too unhappy that there has come this breather. The weather has been beautiful but cool; the blossoms are at their best.

We are expecting the Learned Societies on Campus next month, and we will have a number of visitors from down east.

I was sorry to learn of Father Muckle's broken hip. Was it a fall, or an auto accident?

All the best Bob, and my best to Father Hubert Coughlin and the members of the council, when





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you see them. I expect to go to Ottawa for the meetings of representatives of the Catholic colleges and universities, May 25 and 26th, and rush back for "Congregation" here May 27 and 28th. It just could happen that I may drop in on Toronto between planes.

Sincerely,

E.C. LeBel.

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Charles Roume  
July 22, 1964

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Annonay, le 22/7/1964

Cher Père Scollard,

Vous m'aviez demandé il y a quelque temps des renseignements au sujet du P. Famy. En voici quelques-uns que je viens de trouver.

Le P. Famy, d'abord envoyé à Owen Sound avec le P. François Granottier, rentre en France après 4 ou 5 ans. Il est envoyé au collège de Blidah (Algérie), pour peu de temps. En décembre 1870, il est à Annonay, et rend des services dans les aumôneries de religieuses, puis au Calvaire de Prades (pèlerinage desservi par les Basiliens). En juillet 1872 il faisait part à son supérieur de son désir de quitter la Communauté et de retourner en Amérique comme prêtre diocésain, mais il change bientôt d'avis, et à cette occasion on se plaint de son inconstance. Il est alors employé au noviciat de Feyzin. En octobre 1873 l'idée d'aller en missions le reprend, et il se rend aussitôt aux Etats-Unis, en Floride, auprès de l'évêque de Saint-Augustin, Mgr. Vérot, sulpicien, ancien élève du collège d'Annonay. A la fin du mois d'octobre, le cardinal Préfet de la



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Propagande envoyait au P. Soulerin, supérieur, une copie de la supplique du P. Famy, demandant d'être relevé de ses vœux.

Recevez, Cher Père Scollard, mes fidèles sentiments in Xto.

C. Roume, C.S.B.

P.S. Je vous serais reconnaissant de vouloir bien faire parvenir la liste d'errata ci-jointe au P. Supérieur. Merci.

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Charles Roume  
November 28, 1964

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 28/II/1964

Cher Père Scollard,

Vous savez que nous avons dans nos Archives d'assez nombreux exemplaires des Constitutions, et la raison de cette multiplicité: c'est que nos Constitutions ont été sujettes pendant un demi-siècle à des modifications successives pour les mettre en harmonie avec les "Animadversiones" de Rome. Aucune ne porte de date, sauf celles qui ont été imprimées. Je me propose d'en faire l'étude et j'espère parvenir à les classer dans l'ordre de leur évolution, et leur fixer une date approximative. Vous voyez par là que le problème n'est pas simple.

Des quatres copies que vous me demandez d'identifier, il n'y en a qu'une pour laquelle j'ai pu réunir des éléments de détermination, parce que j'en ai découvert un exemplaire dans les papiers du P. Marijon en provenance du Canada. C'est incontestablement celle dont il usait quand il était Maître des novices à Toronto. Votre copie à vous est incomplète, comme vous le la décrivez.





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J'ai donc tapé à la machine les 6 articles manquants, et je les joins à cette lettre. Notez que l'article 298, relevé tel quel, est incompréhensible. Peut-être arriveriez-vous à en rétablir le texte exact en vous référant à un autre texte.

Comparé à un troisième texte manuscrit que nous possédons, qui date incontestablement du supérieurat du P. Adrien Fayolle, et porte des additions postérieures de la main du P. Durand, son successeur, il faut le dater en conséquence des années 1895.

Je crois bien ne vous avoir jamais remercié de l'envoi de la thèse du P. Boland: An Analysis etc. J'en ai traduit une centaine de pages, et j'y ai pris un très grand intérêt. Je ne me propose pas, bien sûr, d'écrire l'histoire de la Communauté de l'autre côté de l'Océan, mais j'ai besoin de connaître beaucoup de choses qui se sont passées là-bas pour porter un jugement éclairé sur les hommes. Cette étude confirme beaucoup de choses que je soupçonnais seulement.

Mon dessein est de faire l'histoire de la Communauté française jusqu'à la réunion de 1955.



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Les documents ne sont guère abondants chez nous, mais les références du P. Boland me laissent espérer que je trouverais chez vous de quoi éclairer plus d'une période obscure de notre histoire. Si j'en étais sûr, je viendrais consulter vos Archives pendant l'été prochain.

J'attends toujours l'Imprimatur de l'évêque de Viviers; le Concile est un peu cause de tout ce retard, mais je ne crois pas avoir maintenant bien longtemps à attendre.

J'avais toujours espéré que vous feriez un jour ou l'autre un voyage en Europe qui vous permettrait de visiter les lieux où la Communauté a fait ses premiers pas. Me faut-il ne plus y penser?

Mes meilleurs vœux de guérison et mes prières vont aux malades de la Communauté et à chaque confrère, pour qu'il accomplisse ce que le bon Dieu attend de lui.

Recevez en terminant, Cher Père Scollard, mes bien fidèles sentiments in Xto.

C. Roume, C.S.B.

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Charles Roume  
February 9, 1965

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 9 février 1965

Cher Père Scollard,

Laissez-moi d'abord vous remercier pour votre envoi de la Vie de Mgr. Vérot. Nous avons déjà dans nos archives une petite biographie de cet évêque "rebelle". En effet, à une demande de renseignements à son sujet adressée à Mgr. Moore par le P. Chomel pour son Histoire du Collège d'Annonay, R.H. Clauneel avait répondu le 24 décembre 1899 de Mandarin, Floride, une longue lettre qui est une petite biographie de Mgr. Vérot. Le texte original anglais est perdu, mais il nous en reste la traduction française (24 pages). Il y est question d'un livre sur Mgr. Vérot qu'aurait écrit M. Richard H. Clarke. Mgr. Vérot était originaire de la Haute-Loire, comme Mgr. de Charbonnel, et il était sulpicien comme lui.

Dès que j'ai eu en mains les fiches que vous m'avez envoyées par le P. Orisini, je me suis mis à dresser un Index avec soin. Or, savez-vous ce qui est arrivé. Le P. Orsini et le P. Robert sont allés à St Alban, et le villa St.



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Patrice; il y a trouvé l'Index que vous-même aviez dressé il y a plus de trois mois et qui envoyé à St Alban était resté en souffrance dans la boîte. Ne m'en veuillez donc pas de mon silence à son sujet, vous voyez qu'il ne m'est pas imputable. Le travail que j'ai fait moi-même n'a pas été du reste inutile, parce qu'il m'a permis de déceler et de pourvoir à quelques omissions. Vous trouverez ces corrections sur la feuille que je joins à cette lettre.

Mon manuscrit est donc chez l'imprimeur, et s'il tient ses promesses, le livre devrait sortir au milieu du mois de juin. Quant à la suite, je me demande bien quand J'arriverai à pouvoir écrire quelque chose. En effet les documents que j'ai réussi à me procurer ne sont pas suffisants pour écrire l'histoire; il y a beaucoup trop de trous.

Nous allons tous bien ici; jusqu'à présent la fameuse grippe nous a épargnés. Le travail peut se poursuivre au collège sans à-coups, comme cela arrive quand quelque épidémie retient au lit professeurs ou élèves.





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Je disais au P. Orsini au cours d'une conversation que nous serions tous heureux de vous voir, vous qui vous intéressez particulièrement au passé de la Communauté, et de vous montrer les lieux où lentement elle s'est formée, et combien durement vous le savez. Fut-il désespérer de vous voir jamais ici?

A Dieu, Cher Père Scollard, je vous redis mes fraternels sentiments in Xto.

C. Roume, C.S.B.

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Charles Roume  
June 26, 1965

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 26/6/1965

Cher Père Scollard,

Le P. Morro recevra sans trop tarder les 200 exemplaires demandés des "Origines et Formation de la Communauté de St Basile" qui viennent de sortir. Le livre contient un certain nombre de fautes, et c'est pourquoi je vous envoie une liste d'errata, seulement les principaux.

#### ERRATA

- p. 119, ligne 19, au lieu de 1706, lire 1806.
- p. 140, remplacer la ligne 21 par: nommé archevêque d'Avignon, il avait voulu se l'attacher...
- p. 349, remplacer la ligne 3 par: prendre les habitudes et nous conformer aux...
- p. 271, ligne 20: écrit en effet au même Charmant...

Je suis rentré lundi de mon pèlerinage à Fatima, où j'ai bien prié pour la Communauté. Tout le monde va bien ici. Nous sommes en pleine période d'examens, et les résultats sont très satisfaisants jusqu'à maintenant.



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June 26, 1965

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J'envoie mes amitiés à tous les confrères et  
vous prie de recevoir mes fidèles sentiments  
in Xto.

C. Roume, C.S.B.

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Toronto)



John C. Egsgard  
December 2, 1964

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St. Michael's College School  
1515 Bathurst Street  
Toronto 10, Canada  
December 2, 1964

Dear Father Scollard,

On Thursday, December 17, Father Mo Whelan will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He will sing a solemn high mass with the community at 4 p.m. Mass will be followed by a gathering in our community room. At 6 p.m. we shall have supper in his honour in our dining room.

Father Whelan has asked me to invite you to share with him in the festivities of this day. He, and all of us here, would appreciate it if you could be with us on the 17th.

In Christ and Mary,  
John C. Egsgard, C.S.B.

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Daniel V. Burns  
December 16, 1964

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Dec 16, 1964

Dear Bob,

Father Joseph Trovato delegated me to inform you about Leo McGrady's Blue Cross coverage. He has coverage for hospitalization only. It does not include medical care. I am enclosing a folder so you can see the extent of coverage more definitely. I guess all you want to know is shown in the folder.

I am celebrating my 30th anniversary today. By the way, the Annals has always had the wrong date for me. I often intended to bring it to your attention before, but always forgot. I suppose it does not make much difference. But I was ordained along with the other 13 at Assumption Church on Dec. 16, 1934 and not on Dec. 14.

I finally made a trip to Owen Sound. I went along with John P. Ruth for Thanksgiving weekend. So I finally saw our place there and also several of the mission churches. I enjoyed the trip very much. Besides I got a lot of driving in. I am



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still afraid, but the experience did me a lot of good. I know I can drive very well as long as there is no emergency. I don't know what I might do then. I am still scared of driving in downtown traffic.

We finish teaching on Friday for the Xmas recess. Jim Magee is with us.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Dan Burns, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard, transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Daniel V. Burns  
September 30, 1965

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Sept. 30, 1965

Dear Bob,

I am getting my Annals Report in this year, at least before that second and final call to get it in before the dead line. I hope you haven't been held up. I had it all ready over the week-end except for the report on the Fund drive. Thinking that Charlie Lavery would be more accurate and up-to-date on that item, I asked him if he would prepare a short paragraphy covering it. He generously agreed to do so over the weekend, but he is a busy man, working for that \$9,000,000 (dinner here, and dinner there, etc.) so he did not get it to me till today. I am forwarding it to you just as he gave it to me. You may have to cut it down somewhat.

I mailed a picture of Basil Hall a couple of days ago. Could you return it when you are finished with it? I borrowed it from Bob Hasse, the Director of Publicity.

All are well here. Everything seems to be going



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September 30, 1965

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well. I have, what I think is a reasonable teaching schedule. John P. Ruth and I occupy an office together in St. Basil Hall. It is very convenient and the whole building is almost perfection.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Dan Burns, C.S.B.

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Laurence K. Shook  
October 1965

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Hotel de la Ville  
Via Sistina 67  
Roma

Dear Bob

Many thanks for your kind, interesting and informative letter. Yes, I shall write you something about the Council in a week or so. I don't feel that I am quite ready to do so yet, though I have gathered together quite a number of slants.

Thus far I have only met the older Basilians: Father Vincent Kennedy and Archbishop George Flahiff. The Archbishop, of course, lives here. I see him often each day and he has been a great help to me and a true friend. Father Kennedy has just arrived. I went to see him at his lodgings on Friday and he came here to the hotel for dinner Saturday. He looks surprisingly well and was grand company. I don't think that Fathers Ulysse Paré and Paul Broadhurst have reached Rome yet, though they are expected just about now.

The bishops staying in this hotel have been very kind and seem interested in the Pontifical Insi-



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titute of Mediaeval Studies. The following are here: Pocock, Flahiff, Johnson, O'Neill, Webster, Marrocco, Hayes, A. Carter, E. Carter, Jennings, McCarthy, Klein, Proulx, Gallagher of the Armed Forces, Windle. The others are spread around. I pick up some Canadian news from them, and we have a kind of news service from the Canadian Catholic Conference. I am, incidentally, gathering all the documents I can. I do receive all the Council Documents - but only the current ones - viz. all that have come out and are coming out since Session III.

I am only beginning to follow the Latin talks about now, but the Latin is not the problem I thought it might be. Italian I find difficult to speak, though not too hard to follow in simple matters. I shall write Father Wey shortly. Again thanks for writing and God bless you.

sincerely in Christ

Larry

(Letter from Father Laurence Shook to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Laurence K. Shook  
November 11, 1965

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Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies  
59 Queen's Park  
Toronto 5, Canada  
November 11

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Bob:

It took a while to get sufficiently into the swing of things to do a letter for you. I think this does what you want - it is more than a travelogue.

Since I write in medias res and speak of things now going on it would really be best if you could get this circulated during November and the earlier the better.

Terry Forestell is in Rome now and will take his exams shortly. Archbishop Flahiff has returned from the Holy Land and I hope in about ten days to be able to get over to Annonay.

Sincerely in Christ

Larry

(Letter written by Father Laurence Shook while in Rome. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Laurence K. Shook  
November 11, 1965

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Dear Bob

I am sending this to you at 200 Russell Hill Road because I have mailed you a manuscript at 95 St. Joseph Street today. Having addressed it I thought you might let it stand there for too many days - and if my letter is to be effective as published, it must get out before Council is over - and preferably in November.

George Flahiff has read it and approves, so too Archbishop Pocock. I hope it is not too heavy - but it is, I think, a thoughtful record of the conciliar transactions as I see them.

Yesterday I had dinner with Jack Weir and his wife, Madileine. Last week I went to Florence for a day with Fathers Shea and his secretary. So I get around a little. Strangely enough, I still find myself busy - and in part you have contributed to my being so. I don't say this by way of complaint. Writing this letter (the big one) has been a pleasure and I am pleased to have done it. I only wish it were a little lighter but I simply cannot rewrite it. Father Vincent Kennedy and I are going to the Congreg-





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ation of Seminaries and University Studies on  
Saturday where I shall present my reports  
(triennial and annual) in person.

My very best to you

In Christ

Larry

(Letter written by Father Laurence Shook from  
Rome to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed  
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John P. Barry  
February 26, 1964

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Basilian Fathers  
5959 Broadway  
Gary, Indiana

Dear Father Scollard.

Better late than never. So thanks for the stamps you sent through Father Robert Fischette. Stamps keep me busy but could be busier. Have over 30,000 on file but need many more if we are to dispose of them at maximum profit. I am learning a bit more each day regarding their value. Hardly any operating expenses. What does arise is taken care of by selling European stamps to local students.

Only a month ago I came upon the profit that can be had in coin collecting. For example fifty cent pieces of 1948 and 49 are worth two dollars already. Only a few weeks ago a student received in change from our cafeteria a penny listed at over \$200. Students are doing their best to fill up my folders. Keep a list of needed coins on a corner of my board. They claim a complete collection of Ben Franklin will be worth three times face value by next year. Almost have the



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set complete and only in three weeks. Have not reported yet to John Collins regarding coins but he should be happy about it.

John Barry, C.S.B.

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James W. Embser  
October 10, 1964

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Catholic Central High School  
The Basilian Fathers  
10/10/64

Dear Bob,

It is providential that you are Secretary General at this time in our history. I do not know whether another would do as fine a job in preserving - rather accumulating and preserving the past as objectively as you have. You must continue. In another 100 years all this material which you seem to get would likely not be available. Keep up the good work. I think you should go to Annonay and Rome and see it all first hand. Your newsletters are excellent. I am sorry that Frank Kelly has decided to act as he has. I would willing go elsewhere could he be placated by living on Outer Drive. Is there any way of getting him back? He did many excellent years of teaching here. We have lost - rather we are losing most of the football games this year and will likely continue to lose. It makes the game much longer when things do not go well. Father James Martin attended, also Father Bernard Regan (Gary) on the invitations





James W. Embser  
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of Father William Gibbons. We are expecting  
Father Terry Forestell. Thanks a million Bob.

Sincerely

James W. Embser

P.S. I Have reminded Father Joseph Miller and  
Father James Martin was here yesterday and  
I told him to send you a picture of his new  
rectory.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed  
from the original deposited in the general  
archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



John A. Burke  
February 20, 1964

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Basilian Fathers  
5959 Broadway  
Gary, Indiana  
February 20, 1964.

Dear Bob:

Bob O'Halloran has given me your second request for the Christmas list and the list of February 2. I told him that I had told you at Father John McGuire's funeral that I would not give them to him to send to you because as historical documents I feel that they are not accurate. I ordinarily do Sunday work, but on those two days that you requested I did not...Christmas Day I have been reserving as the day when I say Mass for the Sisters and Feb. 2 I was in Toronto at Father McGuire's funeral. While future historians might be amazed at the amount of pastoral work we did, they might also be amazed that the superior did none of it.

Sincerely yours,

John Burke, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



E. Arthur Roberts  
February 19, 1964

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Assumption University  
400 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
Feb. 19, 1964

Dear Father,

George Kosicki and I were very pleased that the plans were so well received. I hope the building (Windsor House of Studies) turns out as well as we expect and that the costs are within our budget.

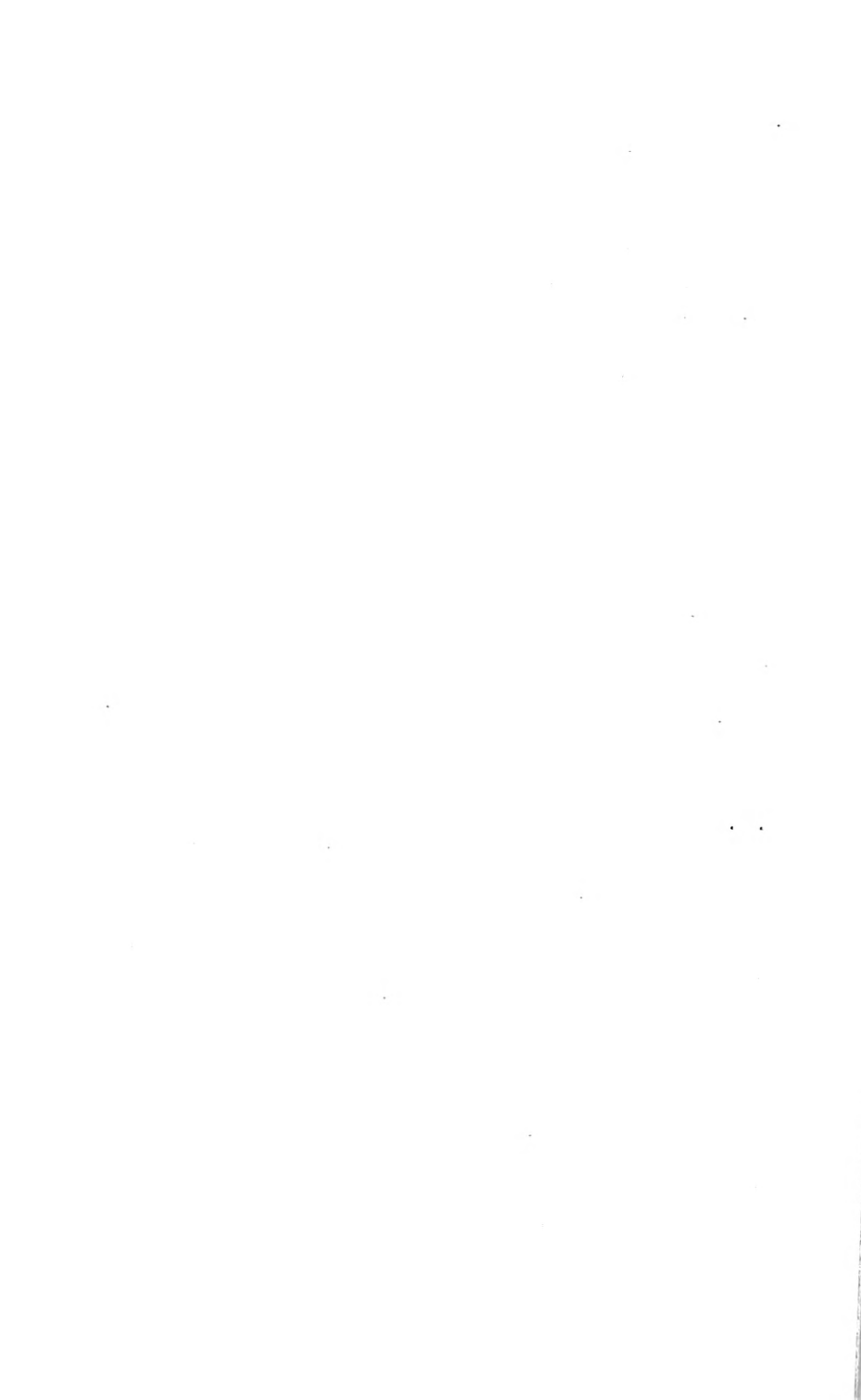
I'm enclosing two copies of Father Roguet's article. Thanks for bringing it to my attention.

Art

P.S. It was really a good idea to have Father Gene Heyck at the meeting, Tuesday. He was a lot of help.

Our experiment with a student Mass at 9 p.m. seems to be a huge success. The Cody Hall chapel has been packed the last two days and we may have to move it to the larger chapel in the Administration Building.

(Letter from Father Arthur Roberts to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



John J. Glavin  
February 24, 1965

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St. Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston 6, Texas  
Feb. 24/65

Dear Father Scollard:-

During the past number of years we have been so absorbed in the Institute of Mediaeval Studies that we, more or less without thinking, got the impression that there were no educated Basilians until the Institute started. So I am glad you found the programme of classes of 1918-1919 that was my 1st year of theology. We had Father John Purcell for moral from Sept. to Nov. 1918. Then Father Thomas Heydon took over until Father Wm. Roach was appointed superior of scholastics. Father Albert Hurley had the dogma. Father Frank Forster had the Canon Law. Father Albert DuMouchel had the Scripture and I think Church History. Mr. Robt. Benson, a man for Detroit Diocese who was taking theology with us had us for Sacred Eloquence and Church Music.

Yes Mr. Sylvester Nicholson and myself were on rec for one year. The other two years at Sandwich I had some teaching and coached football,





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basketball and baseball. Also I was assistant on one of the flats.

All the confreres here are well except Father Joseph Rivard. Sometimes he is able to say a private Mass - most of the time - No.

The funds for the house of studies down here are coming in very slowly. We have \$270,000 now. I wouldn't be surprised if the new appointments will have me fired.

Regards to all the confreres up there.

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB

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Alexander J. Grant  
March 15, 1965

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Dear Bob,

Thanks for the two letters and also the list of appointments. They don't seem to mean as much to me now as they used to. Too many new names of people I don't even know. Of course the big question in my mind was Pacher's special appointment. It gave me a funny feeling not to see my own name on the Assumption list after 20 years.

Yesterday I picked up a nice sunburn. I visited the Desert Cactus Gardens just outside Phoenix. I was amazed at the variety and numbers of cacti. There were acres of them all laid out like a garden and all named. Some of them about three stories high. I also saw the Japanese grower's gardens. Hundred of thousands of plants in bloom. The latter are commercial gardens and the flowers are shipped all over the States.

This was my first extended trip from the hospital and I was beat out by the time I got back. My feet are still pretty lame. The shoulders and hands are gradually responding to physical therapy but it is a slow and painful process. The psoriasis is responding very well to the injections I am getting and I only hope it lasts.



I suppose you heard that I am no longer head of the biology department. It came as a shock and was a bitter pill to swallow after working twenty years to build it up to its present status. It had to come sooner or later so maybe it's better this way.

I expect to be here, in the hospital, until about Easter and will then go to the rectory at Cottonwood. The Bishop of the Gallup Diocese has consented to allow me to stay at Cottonwood. They will expect me to do some catechetical work and look after the Legion of Mary. This will be a new experience for me. I understand the rectory is nice for this part of the country and since there is no housekeeper, the pastor and myself will be doing our own cooking. I'm glad I know how to cook. This is something I picked up down through the years.

Say a prayer for me and take care of yourself.

Y<sub>o</sub>urs in Christ,

Alex

(Letter from Father Alexander Grant written from Arizona to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Alexander J. Grant  
April 28, 1965

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Immaculate Conception Rectory  
P.O. Box 995  
Cottonwood, Arizona  
April 28/65

Dear Bob,

I think it is about time to write you and thank you for your letters and also to let you know my new address.

I came to Cottonwood on April 19 so I am just now getting acquainted with the place. It is a very quiet place after the hustle and bustle of the hospital in Phoenix. The church, which is rather large, is situated on top of a hill with the rectory directly behind it. There is just the pastor, Father John Sullivan, and myself. No housekeeper so we do our own cooking. It is a Mexican parish and I am looking after the Legion of Mary. We are surrounded with mountains, some of which still have snow on their tops. The temperature here gets close to 90 during the day. I manage to get out in the sun for a while each day. It has to be taken cautiously as it is a desert sun and could fry one in no time.

The pastor wasn't too enthusiastic at first about





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my coming. I found out why. Apparently he had a priest dumped on him last year who had been in trouble. After a couple of weeks he found out that he was an alcoholic also. One night he appeared at the rectory with about 20 shouting drunk Mexicans. Another time he put on quite a display in the aisles of the church, leading the singing, while the pastor was saying the Mass. Father Sullivan got rid of him by telling him there was an opening somewhere else. On top of everything else this guy had arthritis and was supposed to be there for that. No wonder he was suspicious of me when I showed up. I doubt that I will give him any cause to worry.

Father Sullivan is around here very little as he is usually over in Sedona where he is building another church. It should be finished in a couple of weeks when it will be handed over to some other priest appointed by the Bishop. Bishop Espelage, who is an old Franciscan, will be here for Confirmation about May 10.

About a mile from Cottonwood (seven miles by winding roads) can be seen the town of Jerome hanging on the side of a mountain. It is the



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largest ghost town in the United States. As late as the 1920's the population was 15,000. The main industries were copper, gold and silver mining. When the mines closed down so did the town. There are only about 300 people living there now. Some of the buildings, including the jailhouse are sliding down the mountain. The Catholic Church, built in 1898 and as big as a cathedral, is still in use and still has a priest stationed there.

I expect to be here until some time in July when I will return to Windsor at least for a visit.

Take care of yourself and write when you get a chance. Please remember me in your prayers. I still have the arthritis although I can get around much better than when I came to Phoenix. The psoriasis is pretty well gone for now anyway.

Yours in Christ,

Alex

(Letter written by Father Alexander Grant to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Alexander J. Grant  
October 10, 1965

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St. Anne's Church,  
P.O. Box 334,  
Ash Fork, Arizona 86320  
Oct. 10/65

Dear Bob,

Thanks for keeping me informed of things. The weather here is still delightful. Warm during the day and not too cool at night. The psoriasis is kicking up again but the arthritis is not too bad - as long as I take my pills. O think I need a new typewriter ribbon and a new typewriter to go along with it. I said one Mass this morning in Ash Fork and this afternoon will be driven fifty miles to Flagstaff where I will say Mass at 6 p.m. Lots of little things to be done in fixing up the rectory. The men have been putting stucco on the house all day. We don't keep all of the Commandments out here. The phone number is 637-2538 and the Area Code is 602. Take care of yourself and say a prayer for one in exile.

Y<sub>o</sub>urs in Christ,

Alex

(Letter from Father Alexander Grant to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Michael M. Sheehan  
June 1, 1965

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70 Lincoln's Inn Fields  
Kingsway, W.C. 2,  
England. June 1

Dear Father Scollard,

I am now fairly sure of the addresses that I shall be using during my stay and so I pass them on to you. Until the end of June, I shall be living in a parish four hundred yards away from the British Museum, at the address indicated above. After I leave here, I shall be moving about somewhat, as I hope to have my work in London largely done by that time. However, I shall have a base at all times at the following address:

Mentone Hotel,  
54 Cartwright Gardens,  
London, W.C.1.

In fact that address is valid even now. It is only half a mile away, and I am having things come there occasionally.

Other years, when I was here, it was rather hard to get into a rectory. This time, I had three chances within a few days. One was a very attractive one, involving a place to stay for the whole six months. However, it involved more parochial work than I felt justified in doing, so I refused





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it. Wally Platt has taken one of the ones offered to me, with Bishop Cashman in Chelsea. Here at St. Anselm's, there are five of us, a most pleasant group. Living with them as I do, I am in a position to get a most useful view of the life of the Church here and the way in which the changes of the moment are being received. The priests here have done their theology at the Beda, Valadolid, Maynooth and St. Edmund's, Wear. The pastor was formerly a professor there as well. So, the group is anything but a narrow one. In some ways, this particular aspect of my visit to England may prove very useful.

My work goes very well. I have already gone through 70,000 charters and when I have done as many more, I shall have done what I came for in the British Museum. It is a type of work that is rather hard on the nerves, but I have had quite a bit of experience with it, and know, now, how to pace myself. Old acquaintances have been good to me and I have already been invited to the senior common room at King's College and to dinner at one of the new university halls. Thus, as you can see, I have reason to be pleased with the way things are turning out.



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I would like you to give my best wishes to all at the curial house. Please tell Father Francis Orsini that I know of his father's death and offered Mass for him on Ascension Day. I shall send a note when there is time, though it may be a little while. I hope that you, yourself, are well. I suppose that now, when the appointments are made early, this time of year is calm in comparison to what it was.

I see a great deal of Gerry McGuigan. He is just about ready to end his work here in London and travel a bit before going back to Vancouver. He is full of ideas - they come out at the least provocation. We have had some wonderful talks. In fact I arrived with a sore throat from the sea voyage and it is not heal for two weeks. I suppose that must mean that I was not always the listener.

Pray for me, please.

In our Lord,

Michael Sheehan, C.S.B.

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London, August 22, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard,

Your newsletters have been reaching me regularly, if sometimes only after bouncing once or twice. Yesterday I returned to London after a long survey trip to the north and found the letter of August 4, with the news of the death of Father Joseph Walsh and of Peter Mosteller's new post. The additional information that you find time to attach has been much appreciated and I thank you for it.

I have not yet been able to find those Oratorian rules that interest you, nor do I have any information about the system of hearing sisters' confessions, of which there was a question two months ago. However, eyes and ears are open; they may discover something one of these days.

As mentioned, I have returned to London. During the last ten days of July I worked at Cambridge on the muniments of Ely Cathedral. This group has become available only in the last few years and I was pleased to have some time with them. Eddy Synan was there living in the same house



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with me - a house for priests, far and away the best arrangement of that sort that I have seen in England. To me it is - and has long been - a kind of haven; but once the Ely material was under control, I pushed off for York. There I worked a week in the library of the Dean and Chapter and in another library about a quarter of a mile away, that houses the bishop's muniments. That weekend I spent at the University of Hull with a medievalist that I know. His wife turned out to be the niece of Father Gill, the English Jesuit historian of the Council of Florence to one of whose books I gave a rather favorable review recently. They have five children, with whom I managed to hit it off very well. It turned out to be a very pleasant break for me. (I managed to have my shirt repaired too.) Then I pushed off for Lincoln. This is a wonderful little city with a fine cathedral and a well appointed archive collection. It took two solid weeks of work, rather relentless work too, to get what I wanted there. If I can manage it, I shall try for another two days later. But of that, we shall see. Already the time grows short. Finally, on Friday, having made the necessary arrangements,





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I crossed to Lichfield, near Birmingham, and in two days managed to do what was needed there. Work done, I boarded a train and was back to London late last night.

There are still two immense collections - those of Canterbury and Lambeth Palace, on which I have done nothing. Later, if there is time, I must do a bit in western England. For the moment, though, my chief concern is preparation for the Historical Convention in Vienna which opens next weekend. I shall give the next three days to preparation for that. On the way, I hope to stop at Aachen and see the Charlemagne exhibit there. From Vienna, I shall probably cross to southern France to make my retreat. Then it will be back to Paris, a few visits there and east of there, and back to England to get on with my business.

As you can imagine, this floating existence, living out of a clubbag, one that has to be small enough to give reasonable freedom of motion, poses some problems. I have always been rather fond of being unencumbered, so it is possibly somewhat easier on me than it would be on some



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others. Yet, it does help me to see what a precious thing confreres, and the Basilian Fathers in general, are to me.

I hope that you are well, Father. Please give my best wishes to all at the Curial House. Wally mentioned in a note he sent me the other day that he had been in contact with Father, who said that he would be happy to come to Aachen with us. Tell him that he would be most welcome, even if he brought that famous European umbrella of his. Really, I so often wish that I could share some of the fine things I see here. Part of the wish is that I could talk of them with another so that I might see more; but my wish is often simply desire that others dear to me might have a share in this particular bit of good fortune.

Now, I shall be off. Again my thanks for all. Pray for me, please.

In Our Lord,

Mich. S.

P.S. I gather the changes in the Pontifical  
Institute of Mediaeval Studies Library are



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remarkable. Harry Gardner seems delighted.  
He is a giant - would that he could be a happy  
giant. Perhaps this will help.

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London, October 4, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

I returned to London last night after a long absence and found yours and thirty other letters waiting for me. The next few evenings are not going to be restful ones for me, because many of the letters require an answer - some rather difficult ones.

But I must not give the impression that I was overpowered by so much correspondence: I was delighted. Yours, full of news as it was, is especially precious. Thank you very much. I enjoyed the story about Bill Irwin and his youthfulness; there are such tales of Wally Platt, too, as you will probably remember. Thank you for the copies of Terry Forestell's letters. They look interesting. I have put them into my briefcase where they will be part of the supply of literature that I reserve for those lonesome meals that I eat day after day when I am on my travels.

It is no longer clear to me whether I mentioned that I planned to go to the International Historical Convention in Vienna. Anyway, I went,





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having been fixed in my resolve by conversation with Bob Lamb. I stayed with him too, an excellent arrangement as it turned out. The Conference was excellent; not so much in the papers read as in the opportunity to meet people. Without exaggeration, it will take me weeks to pass on the information that I have received for specific persons on the Institute staff. I might add that if I went to all the homes that I have been invited to, I would not be in America for another year.

With regard to the invitation, I restricted myself to three - a professor of canon law from Prague, a young legal historian from Munich and my own professor from the days at the Sorbonne, who lives in Versailles. Into these visits, I shall not go now, beyond saying that I went to Prague and therefore behind the Curtain - in fact I was there for eight days - and that I learned in Versailles that another excellent review of my book is soon to appear. Anyway, the Vienna meeting was a success. There was one incidental thing that I appreciate very much - a chance to get to know Bob Lamb. This was my first opportunity. What a delightful and devoted little man!



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In some ways he has worked out the best solution of the problem of poverty and the steady pursuing of academic ends - things which can often be expensive - that I have seen. Most edifying!

On the way back to England I paid a short visit to Annonay and Paris. Things were just getting under way at Annonay. All seemed well, except Father Charles Roume. He has been somewhat under the weather and was staying by himself at St. Albion, about 150 km. to the south. I have always been rather close to him, so I asked Jean Roure if I could go and see him, and he gave me a car to do so. We had a fine time. I found him rather excitable the first night - I had come over the hills through a terrible storm (the river level rose almost twelve feet) and he was probably worried about me. Next day he seemed much much better. He is, as you know, one of those men whose emotional level rises and falls very quickly. On the whole though, I was rather pleased with him. His work on the history of the Community is still of great interest to him and the fact that he has it undoubtedly helps him much.



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While in Annonay, I concelebrated each day at the Novitiate. I don't know what the observation of a man for a few hours is worth, but I am very much impressed by the four novices that are there. They seem to be real men; that they are reasonably clever is clear; there seems to be nothing soft or flighty about them. Take the judgment for what it is worth.

In Paris I learned of Father Leonard McCann's return to Canada. It was a complete surprise. Michel Deglène is digging in; Sam Femiano is buried in the last bits of his thesis; the younger members are to begin lectures today.

Time is closing in on me quickly now. Friday I go to Durham, then go right to the other corner of the country to work on the Canterbury material. After that, if there is an after that, I shall go to the west country. Much has been done; really I am content now, but still I would like to get through the materials in Lambeth Palace, here in London. A few more days should finish it unless, as has happened before, I open a little door and discover a huge room of whose existence I had not dreamed.



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But there is no more to say tonight. Again my thanks for your letters. Please give my very best to all at the Curial House. I hope that you are well and that worries and sorrows do not weigh too heavily on you. I know that at best it must remain a matter of degree.

In Our Lord,

Mich. S.

P.S. I suppose I should tell you. I am feeling very well.

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